

ANNUAL REPORT



TOWN OF ASHLAND NEW HAMPSHIRE

FISCAL YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2014

INFORMATIONAL

TOWN OF ASHLAND – GRAFTON COUNTY

POPULATION – 2075

DATE OF INCORPORATION – 1868

LAT 43.695°N LON 71.631°W

ELEVATION 551'

TELEPHONE COMPANY – FAIRPOINT

CABLE – TIME WARNER

TOWN OFFICE – 20 HIGHLAND STREET

HOURS – MON, TUES, WED, FRI 8-4, THURS 8-5

WELFARE OFFICE HOURS – TUESDAYS 5:00 TO 7:00 pm

BUILDING INSPECTOR HOURS – MON, WED, & FRI 10:00 – 12:00 pm

ADMINISTRATION	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	968-4432
ASSESSING	TOWN OFFICE	968-4432
BUILDING PERMITS	BUILDING INSPECTOR	968-4432
BURN PERMITS	FIRE DEPARTMENT	968-7772
DOGS-LICENSING	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
DOGS – AT LARGE	POLICE DEPARTMENT	968-4000
ELECTIONS	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
VOTER REGISTRATION	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
ELECTRIC SERVICE	ASHLAND ELECTRIC	968-3083
HEALTH OFFICER	TOWN OFFICE	968-4432
TOWN LIBRARY	SCRIBNER LIBRARY	968-7928
VEHICLE REGISTRATION	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
LAND USE – PLANNING/ZONING	TOWN OFFICE	968-4432
POLICE	POLICE DEPARTMENT	968-4000
PARKS AND RECREATION	P/R DEPARTMENT	968-9209
RECYCLING	TRANSFER STATION	968-9032
ROAD MAINTENANCE	PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	968-3166
SCHOOLS	ASHLAND ELEMENTARY	968-7622
	PLYMOUTH REGIONAL HS	536-1444
PROPERTY TAXES	TAX COLLECTOR	968-4432
VITAL RECORDS	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT	BILLING OFFICE	968-4002
	TREATMENT PLANT	968-7193
WELFARE	TOWN OFFICE	968-4432

OUTSIDE AGENCIES

FOOD PANTRY	COMMUNITY CENTER	968-9698
PEMI BAKER HOME HEALTH		536-2232
ASHLAND POST OFFICE		968-7511
FUEL ASSISTANCE – TRI COUNTRY CAP		968-3560

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WE REMEMBER.....

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done,
I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
of happy times and laughing
times and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who
grieve, to dry before the sun
of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

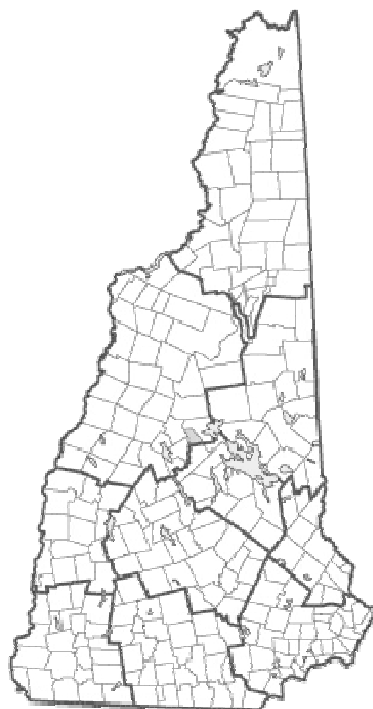
-Author Unknown

With fond memories we remember the citizens we have lost this year:

Liam Haas	Terrence Noack Sr
Linda Simko	Sandra Sapier
Mildred Page	James Rollo
Albert Perry Sr	Phyllis Bates
Raymond May Jr	Raymond Libby Sr
Karen Potter	Joseph Fletcher
Mabel Sargent	Lawrence Berry
Richard Farrell	Yvonne Good
Loretta King	Larry Martin
Raymond Claveau	James Cole Sr
Katherine Edie	Jacqueline Grinley
George Brackett	Arthur Moulder
Henry Rapp Jr	Frank Dailey
Michael Kinney	

TOWN OF ASHLAND 2015 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

New Years Day	Thursday	January 1, 2015
President's Day	Monday	February 16, 2015
Memorial Day	Monday	May 25, 2015
Independence Day	Friday	July 3, 2015
Labor Day	Monday	September 7, 2015
Columbus Day	Monday	October 12, 2015
Veterans' Day	Wednesday	November 11, 2015
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 26, 2015
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday	November 27, 2015
Christmas	Friday	December 25, 2015



Ashland, NH

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Municipal Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 8 am - 4 pm, Thursday, 8 am - 5 pm

County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Grafton
Plymouth NH LMA
Lakes
Lakes Region
Grafton County Economic Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 2
District 1
District 2
Grafton County Districts 9, 17

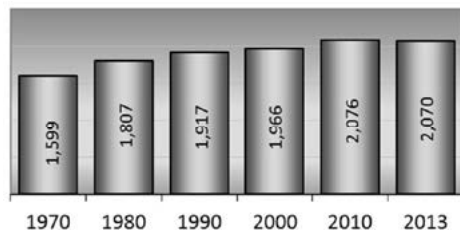
Incorporated: 1868

Origin: Once the southwest portion of Holderness known as the village section, Ashland was not incorporated until 1868. The name Ashland was in honor of the birthplace and Kentucky estate of Henry Clay, Secretary of State and Senator from Kentucky. The name was suggested by Colonel Thomas Cheney, who had been assistant Sargent-at-Arms in Congress during Clay's service in Washington, and an active participant in the formation of the Republican party in New Hampshire. The geographic center of New Hampshire is located three miles east of Ashland.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 885 residents in 1870

Population Trends: Population change for Ashland totaled 597 over 53 years, from 1,473 in 1960 to 2,070 in 2013. The largest decennial percent change was a 13 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, the only decade that



population increased over ten percent. The 2013 Census estimate for Ashland was 2,070 residents, which ranked 139th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2013 (US Census Bureau): 182.9 persons per square mile of land area. Ashland contains 11.3 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.



Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, November 2014. Community Response Received 5/21/2014

All information regarding the communities is from sources deemed reliable and is submitted subject to errors, omissions, modifications, and withdrawals without notice. No warranty or representation is made as to the accuracy of the information contained herein. Specific questions regarding individual cities and towns should be directed to the community contact.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2014		\$6,505,763	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2014		\$3,140,177	
Zoning Ordinance		1985/10	
Master Plan		1997	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Budget		
Appointed:	Planning; Conservation; Zoning		
Public Library	Ashland Town		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Speare Memorial, Plymouth		7 miles	25
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Ashland Electric	
Natural Gas Supplier		None	
Water Supplier		Ashland Water Department	
Sanitation		Municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		Yes	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		None	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Mandatory	
Telephone Company		BayRing; Fairpoint	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		Yes	
High Speed Internet Service:		Business	Yes
		Residential	Yes
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2013 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$25.12	
2013 Equalization Ratio		102.2	
2013 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$25.43	
2013 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		81.8%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		15.8%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		2.4%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2008-2012)	
Total Housing Units		1,281	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		686	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		330	
Five or More Units in Structure		221	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		44	

DEMOGRAPHICS		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2013	2,061		89,181
2010	2,076		89,118
2000	1,966		81,826
1990	1,917		74,998
1980	1,807		65,806
1970	1,599		54,914
Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2008-2012			
Population by Gender			
Male	692	Female	961
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			168
Age 5 to 19			157
Age 20 to 34			417
Age 35 to 54			320
Age 55 to 64			265
Age 65 and over			326
Median Age			40.8 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			90.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher			26.8%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2008-2012)	
Per capita income			\$21,421
Median family income			\$48,226
Median household income			\$40,213
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$35,929
Female			\$26,208
Individuals below the poverty level			13.6%
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average	2003		2013
Civilian labor force	1,068		1,046
Employed	1,033		990
Unemployed	35		56
Unemployment rate	3.3%		5.4%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2003		2013
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	142		254
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 539		\$ 722
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	497		475
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 473		\$ 605
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	639		728
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 488		\$ 646
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	91		95
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 529		\$ 623
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	730		824
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 493		\$ 643

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE				
Schools students attend:	Ashland operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are part of Pemi-Baker Cooperative (Ashland, Campton, Holderness, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton, Wentworth)			District: SAU 2 & 48
Career Technology Center(s):	Plymouth Applied Technology Center			Region: 5
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-8			
Total Enrollment	165			
Nearest Community College: Lakes Region				
Nearest Colleges or Universities: Plymouth State University				
2014 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)		Total Facilities: 1	Total Capacity: 9	

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Rochester Shoe Tree Co., Inc.	Shoe trees	90	1979
Freudenberg-NOK	Elastomeric seals & custom molded products	50	1949
Common Man	Restaurant	50	
Belletetes	Lumber sales	35	
Town of Ashland	Municipal services	21	

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)			
Road Access	US Routes		3
	State Routes		132, 175
Nearest Interstate, Exit			I-93, Exit 24
	Distance		Local access
Railroad			No
Public Transportation			No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
Plymouth Regional	Runway		2,380 ft. turf
Lighted? No	Navigation Aids?		No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
Lebanon Municipal	Distance		52 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport			1
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH			55 miles
Portland, Maine			86 miles
Boston, Mass.			106 miles
New York City, NY			311 miles
Montreal, Quebec			217 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK		(ACS 2008-2012)
Workers 16 years and over		
Drove alone, car/truck/van		89.4%
Carpooled, car/truck/van		2.4%
Public transportation		0.0%
Walked		6.8%
Other means		0.0%
Worked at home		1.3%
Mean Travel Time to Work		21.5 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2008-2012		
Working in community of residence		21.1
Commuting to another NH community		78.3
Commuting out-of-state		0.6

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps
Nearest Ski Area(s): Loon, Waterville, & Ragged Mountains	
Other: Little Squam Lake	

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TOWN BOARDS AND OFFICIALS

Board of Selectmen	Normand DeWolfe	2017
	Philip Preston, Vice-Chairman	2016
	Jeanette I. Stewart	2015
	Stephen Felton	2017
	Frances Newton	2015
Town Administrator	Paul Branscombe	
Administrative Assistant	Patricia Crowell	
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Patricia Tucker	2015
Dep. Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Anne Abear	
Town Treasurer	Linda Guyotte	2017
Dep. Town Treasurer	Linda Eastman	
Town Moderator	Roberta Hoerter	2016
Trustees of the Trust Funds	Thomas Peters	2015
	Richard Pare	2017
	Elliott Dupuis	2016
	Mardean Badger	2015
Library Trustees	David Ruell	2017
	Alice Staples	2016
	Beverly Ober	2018
Supervisors of the Checklist	Teri Linden	2020
	Patricia Bickford	2016
	Roberta "Bobbi" Hoerter	2015
Electric Commissioners	Daniel Vaughn	2017
	Kendall L. Hughes	2016
	John C. Hughes - Resigned	2015
Water & Sewer Commissioners	Ellison Badger	2017
	Alan Cilley	2016
	Susan MacLeod	2015
Planning Board	Frances Newton (BOS)	
	Gordon McCormack Jr - Resigned	
	Philip Preston (BOS Alt)	
	Elisabeth Cody- Resigned	
	Alternate Miriam Brown	2017
	Cheryl Cox	2017
	Cheryl Cox	2015
LRPC Representative	Cheryl Cox	2015
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Elaine Allard	2016
	Michelle Fistek	2016
	Ellison Badger	2015
	Alternate Patricia Tucker	2015
	James VanValkenburgh	2015
Code Enforcement Officer	James VanValkenburgh	2015
Building Inspector	James VanValkenburgh	2015
Electrical Inspector	James VanValkenburgh	
Plumbing Inspector	James VanValkenburgh	

Public Works Department	Timothy Paquette – Director Raymond Dow Daniel Thompson George Chase	
Transfer Station	Richard Hutchinson Douglas Ober	
Town Mechanic	Lee Huckins	
Park and Recreation Dept.	James Gleich – Director Ashli Becker, Afterschool Aide	
Police Department	Chief Anthony Randall Lt. Donald Marren Sgt. Daniel Hamilton Officer Bruce Cote Officer Ryan Beausoleil Part-Time Officer Gary Carter Jr Special Seth Learned Admn. Cecil Cooper Admn. Jamie Lyford	
Scribner Trustees	Richard Pare Thomas Peters Richard Ogden Elliott Dupuis Alfred Salvoni	
Conservation Commission	Daniel Stack Gordon McCormack Jr - Resigned Renee Liebert Joe Mazzone Kathleen DeWolfe	2015 2015 2016 2017 2016
Health Officer	Frances Newton	2015
Welfare Director	Paul Branscombe, Deputy Suzanne McCormack	
Housing Standards Board	Paul Branscombe, Deputy Ellison Badger Kendall B Hughes Kathleen Maher Health Officer Frances Newton	2016 2017 2015
Electric Department	Fire Chief Stephen Heath Superintendent Lee Nichols Devin Anderson Dale Weeks Linda Pack Karen Wheelock	
Water/Sewer Department	Utility Partners – Operator Russell Cross Jr – Manager Mark Daniels Anne Sullivan	

Joint Loss Management	Patricia Crowell	2015
	Craig Moore	2016
	Devin Anderson	2017
	Timothy Paquette	2016
	George Chase	
	Daniel Hamilton	
	Phil Preston (BOS Alt)	
Memorial Park Trustees	Jeanette Stewart (BOS Rep)	
	Philip Preston	2015
	Stephen Jacquith	2017
	Liz Stevens	2017
Fire Department	Chief Stephen Heath	
	Dep. Chief Timothy Joubert	
Emergency Management	Lee Nichols	
	Stephen Heath	
Budget Committee	Mark Scarano	2015
	David Ruell	2015
	Christine Cilley	2016
	Sandra Coleman	2017
	Harold Lamos	2017
	David Toth	2015
	Stephen Felton, BOS ex officio	
	Renee Liebert	
	Normand DeWolfe, BOS alternate	
	Mardean Badger, School Board Alt.	
Capital Improvement Committee	Stephen Felton	
	Ingrid Heidenreich	2017
	Kendall B. Hughes	2017
	Susan MacLeod	
	Jeanette I Stewart	
	David Toth	
Pemi Baker Solid Waste District	Timothy Paquette	2015
	Paul Branscombe, Alternate	
Cemetery Trustees	Michael Myshrall	2016
	Sherrie Downing	2017
	Ernest Paquette	2015

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Executive Council

JOSEPH D. KENNEY
EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR
DISTRICT ONE



STATE HOUSE ROOM 207
107 NORTH MAIN STREET
CONCORD, NH 03301
(603) 271-3632

January 2015

As I start my 2nd year of service to you and the State of New Hampshire in Council District 1, I am reminded of the wonderful 35 years of service that the previous Councilor Raymond S. Burton gave to the people of New Hampshire. He will be deeply missed but not forgotten.

Governor Maggie Hassan has just been re-elected and I will work with her and the NH Legislature to solve problems, large or small, for the people of New Hampshire. Economic development is my top priority for the Northern most Council District and I will work with community and business leaders to assist in the creation of jobs and economic opportunity. County and regional economic development councils coupled with community action agencies will be putting forth new initiatives to carry out this work and I look forward to working with them.

The NH Congressional Delegation - Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Senator Kelly Ayotte, Congresswoman Annie Kuster and Congressman Frank Guinta in joining with other New England states and Canadian officials can cause new resources and partnerships to be created to support job growth.

2015 will start another year of the 10-year NH Highway Transportation Planning process working through the Regional Planning Commissions. National Infrastructure Investments (as known as TIGER Discretionary Grants), provide a unique opportunity to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects. The Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grants replace the Transportation Enhancement (TE) for Recreational Trails, and Safe Routes to School. Contact William Watson at NH DOT for details at 271-3344 or bwatson@dot.state.nh.us.

The 2015 session of the NH House and Senate will be a trying time with proposed cutbacks yet still providing and meeting constitutional and statutory needs. Be watchful of proposed legislation passing costs on to the county and local levels of government. Stay close to your local state senator and house members.

The Governor and Council are always looking for volunteers to serve on the dozens of boards and commissions. If you are interested please send your resume to Governor Maggie Hassan, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301 attention Jennifer Kuzma Director of Appointments/Liaison or at (603) 271-2121. A complete list is available at the NH Secretary of State website at www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm.

My office has available informational items: NH Constitutions, tourist maps, consumer handbooks, etc. I periodically send, via email, a list of my schedule for the week. Send me your email address to be added to the list if you would like at Joseph.Kenney@nh.gov.

Contact my office any time I can be of assistance to you.

Joe

Entire Counties of Coos and Grafton, the incorporated place of Hale's Location, the towns of Albany, Alton, Andover, Bartlett, Brookfield, Center Harbor, Chatham, Conway, Cornish, Croydon, Danbury, Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Gilford, Grantham, Hart's Location, Hill, Jackson, Madison, Meredith, Middleton, Milton, Moultonborough, New Durham, New Hampton, New London, Newport, Ossipee, Plainfield, Sanbornton, Sandwich, Springfield, Sunapee, Tamworth, Tilton, Tuftonboro, Wakefield, Wilnot, and Wolfeboro, and the cities of Claremont and Laconia.

STATE AND FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES

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NOTICE

If you own real estate lots that were involuntarily merged by municipal action, you may be able to have those lots restored to their pre-merger status.

Your property may qualify if two or more lots were merged for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes and the merger occurred:

- During your ownership, without your consent: or
- Prior to your ownership, if no previous owner consented to the merger

To restore your property to pre-merger status, you must:

- Make a request to the local governing body NO later than December 31, 2016

Once restored:

- Your properties will once again become separate lots: however, they must still conform to applicable land use ordinances. Restoration does not cure non-conformity.

This notice must be:

- Posted continuously in a public place from January 1, 2012 until December 31, 2016, and
- Published in the 2011 through 2015 Annual Report

Read the full statute at RSA 674:39-aa Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots.

POSTED JANUARY 1, 2012

2014

ELECTION RESULTS

SAMPLE BALLOT



OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 11, 2014

BALLOT 1 OF 2

Patricia Tucker
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

SELECTMEN <small>three-year term</small> <small>vote for not more than two</small> JAMIE LYFORD 90 <input type="radio"/> MIRIAM E. BROWN 58 <input type="radio"/> NORMAND W. DeWOLFE 302 <input type="radio"/> STEVE FELTON 172 <input type="radio"/> JOHN C. HUGHES 83 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	TOWN MODERATOR <small>two-year term</small> <small>vote for not more than one</small> BOBBI HOERTER 335 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/> TOWN TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS <small>three-year term</small> <small>vote for not more than one</small> RICHARD PARE 338 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	ELECTRIC COMMISSIONER <small>three-year term</small> <small>vote for not more than one</small> DANIEL "DAN" VAUGHN 331 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/> WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONER <small>three-year term</small> <small>vote for not more than one</small> ELLISON (ELI) BADGER 301 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
SELECTMEN <small>one-year term</small> <small>vote for not more than one</small> RON NILES 90 <input type="radio"/> ANTHONY A. HOERTER 48 <input type="radio"/> HAROLD STEVEN LAMOS 91 <input type="radio"/> FRANCES NEWTON 160 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	LIBRARY TRUSTEE <small>three-year term</small> <small>vote for not more than one</small> DAVID RUELL 362 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/> SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST <small>six-year term</small> <small>vote for not more than one</small> THERESE C.D. LINDEN 365 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	BUDGET COMMITTEE <small>three-year term</small> <small>vote for not more than two</small> SANDRA A. COLEMAN 199 <input type="radio"/> INGRID HEIDENREICH 171 <input type="radio"/> HAROLD S. LAMOS 222 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/> CEMETERY TRUSTEE <small>three-year term</small> <small>vote for not more than one</small> SHERRIE DOWNING 345 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
TOWN TREASURER <small>three-year term</small> <small>vote for not more than one</small> LINDA D. GUYOTTE 374 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>		

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 3 Estimated Tax impact for first year bond payment is 52 cents

Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the Budget Committee.

We the undersigned registered voters of Ashland, do hereby petition that the following article be placed on the warrant for the 2014 Annual Ashland Town Meeting: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$950,000.00) for the purchase, renovating and furnishing of the former elementary school property (41 School Street) from Tri-County Community Action Program for the use of the Ashland Town Library; and to authorize the issuance of not more than nine hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$950,000.00) of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) for that purpose; and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and to authorize the receipt and expenditure of any Federal, state or private funds that may become available for this purpose. (This is a Petitioned article-60% majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 2-1
Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-2-1

YES ☐
NO ☐

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TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 4 Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$6,210,871. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$6,130,645 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

YES ☐

NO ☐

202

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General Operating Budget Town	\$2,622,700
Electric Department	\$3,105,968
Water	\$ 178,548
Sewer	\$ 303,655

\$ 80,226

ARTICLE 5 Estimated Tax impact is 3.9 cents
To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a five year lease purchase agreement for Forty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$47,000) for the purpose of purchasing a Transfer Station mini loader for the Public Works Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000) for the first year payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required)

YES ☐

NO ☐

210

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*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1*

NO

ARTICLE 6 Estimated Tax impact is 14.9 cents
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty four Thousand dollars (\$34,000) for the purchase of a pickup truck with plow for the Public Works Department.

YES ☐

NO ☐

113

332

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-1
Not recommended by Budget Committee 4-2*

NO

ARTICLE 7 Estimated Tax impact is 54.8 cents
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) to be placed into the Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund established in 2012.

YES ☐

NO ☐

245

200

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0*

Yes

ARTICLE 8 Estimated Tax impact is 11 cents
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed into the Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing police department vehicles.

YES ☐

NO ☐

214

230

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1*

NO

ARTICLE 9 Estimated Tax impact is 21.9 cents
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed into the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing fire department vehicles.

YES ☐

NO ☐

234

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*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0*

Yes

ARTICLE 10 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish or amend fees pursuant to RSA 41:9-a. This authority shall continue in effect until rescinded. If adopted, the Board of Selectmen, following a public hearing, may establish or amend fees or charges for the issuance of any license or permit which is part of a regulatory program, and/or for the use or occupancy of any public revenue-producing facility.

YES ☐

NO ☐

181

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Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

NO

ARTICLE 11 To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 261:153, VI to authorize the collection of an additional fee for motor vehicle registrations in the amount of \$5.00, to be deposited in a Capital Reserve Fund established by this vote, to be used for the purpose of municipal transportation improvements, to fund, wholly or in part, improvements in the local or regional transportation system, including roads, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, parking and intermodal facilities and public transportation; and further to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. Registrations for motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles (as defined in RSA 215-A:1, I-b) and antique motor vehicles (as defined in RSA 259:4) are exempt from this fee. This fee shall be collected starting with motor vehicle registration permits on or after May 1, 2014.

YES ☐

NO ☐

148

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*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0
Not recommended by the Budget Committee 4-2*

NO

ARTICLE 12 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend donations up to a total of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) for the purpose of the Fourth of July celebrations.

YES ☐

NO ☐

356

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*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-2*

Yes

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT



OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 11, 2014

BALLOT 2 OF 2

Patricia Tucker
TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 13

Estimated Tax impact is 4.1 cents

Petitioned Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Three Hundred Forty Two Dollars (\$9,342) for Pemi-Baker Community Health (a non-profit organization) for the purpose of providing uninsured and under-insured residents of the Town with quality home health care. The sum amounts to Four Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$4.50) per resident based upon recent census data and it represents a small fraction of the cost of providing these services to our residents in their home. (Home care provided by Pemi-Baker Community Health to uninsured and under-insured patients helps the Town limit welfare payments for medical services.)

YES ☐

NO ☐

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-1*

yes

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ARTICLE 14

Estimated Tax impact is 0.4 cents

Petitioned Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for CADY (Communities for Alcohol and Drug-free Youth, a non-profit organization) for the purpose of supporting the local court diversion program to reduce juvenile delinquency by increasing offender accountability, ensuring restitution to victims and potentially saving the Town many thousands of dollars in placement costs at juvenile detention facilities. (During the last five years CADY has served seven juvenile offenders from Ashland, providing services that saved the Town many thousands of dollars.)

YES ☐

NO ☐

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0
Not recommended by the Budget Committee 5-2*

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ARTICLE 15

Estimated Tax impact is 1.4 cents

Petitioned Article: We the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Ashland do hereby petition the 2014 Annual Town Meeting to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,107.00 for Tri-County Community Action for the purposes of continuing services of the Fuel Assistance Program for the residents of Ashland. Through the efforts of Tri-County Community Action the citizens of Ashland have received a total of \$110,924.21 in funds for essential services for this fiscal year, an increase in \$3,848.21 from the previous year.

YES ☐

NO ☐

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-2*

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ARTICLE 16

Estimated Tax impact is 1.2 cents

Petitioned Article: The following registered voters in the Town of Ashland respectfully request that the below article be placed on the town warrant: The Town of Ashland will raise and appropriate funds totaling \$2,700 to Genesis Behavioral Health for the delivery of Emergency Mental Health Services. These services include access to Master's level clinicians and psychiatrists by individuals, police, fire, schools, hospitals and others 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Services are provided to anyone in need, regardless of their ability to pay. Genesis Behavioral Health is the community mental health center servicing Belknap and Southern Grafton Counties. We served 3,274 children, families, adults and elders in Fiscal Year 2013, 73 of whom were Ashland residents. Genesis Behavioral Health provided Emergency Services to 8 Ashland residents in Fiscal Year 2013. We provided \$11,032.07 in charitable care to Ashland residents.

YES ☐

NO ☐

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-1*

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ARTICLE 17

Estimated Tax impact is 1.1 cents

Petitioned Article: We the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Ashland request you to insert in the warrant for the 2014 Town meeting the following article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for the purpose of providing, food, shelter, support -services to participants at the Bridge House. Veterans are a priority.

YES ☐

NO ☐

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-2*

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ARTICLE 18

Estimated Tax impact is 2.9 cents

Petitioned Article: We registered voters in the Town of Ashland present this petitioned article to be included in the 2014 Town of Ashland Warrant: Shall the voters raise and appropriate Six thousand and six hundred dollars (\$6,600.00) to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council Inc. for services for Ashland residents in 2014. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, outreach support, ServiceLink support and more. In FY2013, Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 136 Ashland residents and ServiceLink provided services for 45 residents. The cost of these services was \$76,604.70.

YES ☐

NO ☐

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-2*

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ARTICLE 19

Estimated Tax impact is 1.1 cents

Petitioned Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400) for the fiscal year 2013-2014 to support Voices Against Violence, a non-profit Crisis Center and shelter providing emergency shelter, court and hospital accompaniment and general support to women, men and children who are victims of domestic and sexual violence and stalking.

YES ☐

NO ☐

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0
Not recommended by the Budget Committee 4-3*

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TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 20

Estimated Tax impact is 6.6 cents

Petitioned Article: To see if the town will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of the RSA 31:19-a for the purposes of funding matching grants for maintenance, repair, training and equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in this fund and further to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. These monies will not be used for Ashland utilities.

YES ☐

NO ☐

*Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 1-1
Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0*

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE 21

Petitioned Article: By petition of the undersigned REGISTERED voters of the town of Ashland, NH to see if the town would vote to require the town to: Re-open the Mechanic Street Parking LOT off of Main Street to overnight parking as it has been used for many years until recently. The town shall post the signs that require those using the parking lot to not park there during impending snow/ice storms until the lot is plowed.

ARTICLE 22

Petitioned Article: Shall the Town of Ashland adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict Forty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Two Dollars (\$48,802) each year of revenue from the Water Department user fees to expend for the purpose of offsetting the general obligation bonds previously established for this department currently paid through general taxation? Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Water Bonds Offset Special Revenue Fund, separate from the general fund, water fund and sewer fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus, water fund accumulated surplus or sewer fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue. This warrant article is contingent on the passage of the next warrant article. Petitioned Article (Majority ballot vote required)

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0
Not recommended by the Budget Committee 2-2-3*

ARTICLE 23

Petitioned Article: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$48,802 for this year's water bond payment with \$48,802 coming from the Water Bonds Offset Special Revenue Fund and to authorize the withdrawal from the Water Bonds Offset Fund in the amount of \$48,802 already included in the operating budget. This article contingent on the passage of the previous warrant article establishing the Water Bond Offset Special Revenue Fund. The passage of this article will reduce the Town's operating budget by \$48,802.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0
Not recommended by the Budget Committee 4-1*

ARTICLE 24

Petitioned Article: Shall the Town of Ashland adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict Forty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Two Dollars (\$48,802) each year of revenue from the Sewer Department user fees to expend for the purpose of offsetting the general obligation bonds previously established for this department currently paid through general taxation? Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Sewer Bonds Offset Special Revenue Fund, separate from the general fund, water fund and sewer fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus, water fund accumulated surplus or sewer fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue. This warrant article is contingent on the passage of the next warrant article. Petitioned Article (Majority ballot vote required)

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0
Not recommended by the Budget Committee 2-2-3*

ARTICLE 25

Petitioned Article: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$48,802 for this year's sewer payment with \$48,802 coming from the Sewer Bonds Offset Special Revenue Fund and to authorize the withdrawal from the Sewer Bonds Offset Fund in the amount of \$48,802 already included in the operating budget. This article contingent on the passage of the previous warrant article establishing the Sewer Bond Offset Special Revenue Fund. The passage of this article will reduce the Town's operating budget by \$48,802.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0
Not recommended by the Budget Committee 4-1*

ARTICLE 26

Petitioned Article: Shall the Town of Ashland Authorize the Town to transfer, sell, convey, dispose or assign all of the real and personal property and rights constituting the Squam Lake Dam Hydroelectric generating facility, located at the outlet of Little Squam Lake, including a Lease Agreement between the Town Electric Department and the State of New Hampshire dated May 27, 1981 with terms and conditions to be determined by the Commissioners of the Town Electric Department. (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE 27

Petitioned Article: Shall the town adopt a procedure whereby any proposal to sell all or substantially all of the Town's electric, water or sewer utility assets, other than land and buildings, must be presented to the board of selectmen and placed on the agenda for discussion at no less than two public meetings, duly noticed in accordance with RSA 91-A, at least one year apart. If, subsequent to those public meetings, the board of selectmen votes to approve such proposal, a warrant article shall be placed on the general ballot for approval by 2/3 of all the voters present and voting at the next annual meeting following the second such public meeting.

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT

OFFICIAL BALLOT PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 11, 2014

Susan M. Daigneault
Susan Daigneault
Pemi-Baker Regional School District Clerk

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ☒
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

MODERATOR (2-Year Term) Vote for not more than one QUENTIN BLAINE 327 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)	SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FROM HOLDerness (3-Year Term) Vote for not more than one ROSS V. DEACHMAN 313 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)	SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FROM RUMNEY (3-Year Term) Vote for not more than one EDWARD F. GAIERO 280 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FROM CAMPTON (3-Year Term) Vote for not more than one PETER PETTENGILL 306 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)	SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FROM PLYMOUTH (3-Year Term) Vote for not more than one MAUREEN E. EBNER 301 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)	

WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 1: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine million nine hundred sixty thousand five hundred fifty-one dollars (\$9,960,551) for the renovation of the CTE Center (Vocational Wing), and to authorize the issuance of not more than nine million nine hundred sixty thousand five hundred fifty-one dollars (\$9,960,551) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the School Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The School Board recommends this article. (3/5 vote required.)	YES <input type="radio"/> 150 NO <input type="radio"/> 270				
Article 2: To see if the School District will vote to authorize the School Board to negotiate and execute such tuition contracts as the Board may determine advisable for students inside or outside the Pemi-Baker Regional School District. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)	YES <input type="radio"/> 303 NO <input type="radio"/> 116				
Article 3: To see if the School District will vote to establish a contingency fund in accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated 198:4-b, such contingency fund to meet the cost of unanticipated expenses that may arise during the year and, further, to see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for such contingency fund. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)	YES <input type="radio"/> 254 NO <input type="radio"/> 153				
Article 4: To see if the School District will vote to authorize and empower the School Board to borrow up to one hundred four thousand dollars (\$104,000) representing a portion of the State of New Hampshire's share of special education costs for the 2014-2015 school year, pursuant to RSA 198:20-d upon such terms and conditions as the School Board determines in the best interests of the District, said sum together with the costs of borrowing to be repaid by the State of New Hampshire pursuant to RSA 198:20-d, or to take any action in relation thereto. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)	YES <input type="radio"/> 248 NO <input type="radio"/> 163				
Article 5: To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the School Board and the Plymouth Regional Educational Support Staff, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits: <table border="1"> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Estimated Increase</th> </tr> <tr> <td>2014-2015</td> <td>\$29,097.00</td> </tr> </table> and further to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-nine thousand ninety-seven dollars (\$29,097.00) for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)	Year	Estimated Increase	2014-2015	\$29,097.00	YES <input type="radio"/> 198 NO <input type="radio"/> 219
Year	Estimated Increase				
2014-2015	\$29,097.00				
Article 6: To see if the Pemi-Baker Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session (deliberative session) for the purposes set forth therein, totaling twelve million four hundred eighty-seven thousand two hundred fifty-three dollars (\$12,487,253). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be twelve million six hundred fifty-eight thousand eight hundred eighty-nine dollars (\$12,658,889), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Pemi-Baker Regional School District, or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting. In accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This sum <u>excludes</u> the sums in Warrant Articles 1, 3, and 5. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)	YES <input type="radio"/> 296 NO <input type="radio"/> 120				

SAMPLE BALLOT



**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ZONING ORDINANCE BALLOT
ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 11, 2014**

Patricia Tucker
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●

QUESTIONS

Question 1 – Are you in favor or adding Section 2.3f to the Ashland Zoning Ordinance which defines setback regulations near cemeteries?

Purpose: To define setbacks in accordance with the zone that the cemetery is located in.

YES ☐
NO ☐

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Question 2 - Are you in favor of the adoption of the Ordinance for Large Wind Energy Systems (LWES) as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Ashland Zoning Ordinance as follows:

A. PURPOSE: The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide local control for the development and use of wind power as an alternative energy source, benefiting both the economy and the environment, while protecting public health, safety, property values, wildlife, and general welfare; preserving environmental, historic and scenic resources; controlling Sound Pressure Levels; and preventing electromagnetic interference. This ordinance provides a permitting process to ensure compliance with requirements and standards established therein (an application procedure that includes required surveys and studies; acknowledging easements and leases; accessibility to purchase power for local use; ongoing requirements for monitoring and reporting; addressing public inquiries and complaints; enforcement and penalties; decommissioning; and financial assurance).

YES ☐
NO ☐

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SAMPLE BALLOT



OFFICIAL BALLOT
ASHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 11, 2014

Patricia Tucker
 SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ☒
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

SCHOOL BOARD Three (3) years Vote for not more than Two	SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR One (1) year Vote for not more than One	SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER One (1) year Vote for not more than One
GLENN DION 236 <input type="radio"/>	SANDRA COLEMAN 289 <input type="radio"/>	BRIAN CHALMERS 372 <input type="radio"/>
MARDEAN BADGER 155 <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
SANDRA A. COLEMAN 99 <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
LYNN DAVIS 216 <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK One (1) year Vote for not more than One	
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	PATRICIA TUCKER 374 <input type="radio"/>	
	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	

ARTICLES

Article 2. Shall the Ashland School District set the salaries of district officers for the coming year as follows?

Moderator	\$25.00
District Clerk	\$12.00/hour
School Board Chairman	\$500.00
School Board Members (4) each	\$400.00
District Treasurer	\$800.00

YES ☐
 NO ☐

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The Ashland Budget Committee and Ashland School Board recommend this appropriation.

Article 3. Shall the Ashland School District raise and appropriate, as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$3,140,177? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,208,406, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Ashland School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with R.S.A. 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (This article excludes special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately.)

YES ☐
 NO ☐

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The Ashland Budget Committee and the Ashland School Board recommend the appropriation of \$3,140,177.

Article 4. Shall the Ashland School District vote to raise and appropriate up to \$20,000.00 to be placed in the previously established School Safety, Security and Facilities Maintenance Trust Fund, with such amount to be funded from the June 30 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1, with no amount to be raised by taxation?

YES ☐
 NO ☐

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The Ashland Budget Committee and the Ashland School Board recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

TOWN OF ASHLAND

To those Ashland residents duly qualified to run for office the following positions are to be elected on March 11, 2014.

The filing period for the March 11, 2014 election of officers is January 22, 2014 to January 31, 2014 at 5PM at the Ashland Town Office.

Member Board of Selectmen – 3 year term – 2 positions
Member Board of Selectmen – 1 year term – 1 position
Town Treasurer – 3 year term
Town Moderator – 2 year term
Town Trustee of the Trust Funds – 3 year term
Library Trustee – 3 year term
Supervisor of the Checklist – 6 year term
Electric Commissioner – 3 year term
Water and Sewer Commissioner – 3 year term
Budget Committee – 3 year term [two positions]
Cemetery Trustee – 3 year term

Ashland School Board Member – 3 year term [two positions]
Ashland School District Moderator – 1 year term
Ashland School District Clerk – 1 year term
Ashland School District Treasurer – 1 year term

Patricia Tucker
Ashland Town Clerk
Ashland School District Clerk

**Town of Ashland
Minutes of Deliberative Session
February 1, 2014**

In accordance with the legally posted warrant Moderator Bobbi Hoerter called the Deliberative session to order at 1 PM. Officials at the head table were Board of Selectmen Jeanette I. Stewart, Philip Preston, Normand DeWolfe; TA Paul Branscombe; Legal Council Steven Whitley; Finance Officer Brenda Paquette; Town Clerk Patricia Tucker; Budget Committee members Sandra Coleman, David Ruell, David Toth, Fran Newton, Ingrid Heidenreich, Mardean Badger

ARTICLE 1-ELECTION OF OFFICERS – *Moderator Hoerter read the slate of officers*

To choose all of the following officers for the year ensuing:

Member Board of Selectmen – 3year term – 2 positions

Normand DeWolfe, Jamie Lyford, Steve Felton, Miriam Brown, John C. Hughes

Member Board of Selectmen – 1 year term – 1 position

Frances Newton, Harold Lamos, Anthony Hoerter, Ron Niles

Town Treasurer – 3 year term – Linda Guyotte

Town Moderator – 2 year term – Bobbi Hoerter

Town Trustee of the Trust Funds – 3 year term – Richard Pare

Library Trustee – 3 year term - David Ruell,

Supervisor of the check list – 6 year term - Teri Linden

Electric Commissioner – 3 year term - Daniel Vaughn

Water and Sewer Commissioner – 3 year term - Ellison Badger

Budget Committee – 3 year term (two positions) – Sandra Coleman, Harold Lamos, Ingrid Heidenreich

Cemetery Trustee – 3 year term – Sherrie Downing

ARTICLE 2-ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

To see how the Town will vote by official ballot on the proposed amendments as recommended by the Planning Board to the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Question #1 – Are you in favor of adding Section 2.3f to the Ashland Zoning Ordinance which defines setback regulations near cemeteries?

Purpose: To define setbacks in accordance with the zone that the cemetery is located in.

Question #2 – Are you in favor of the adoption of the Ordinance for Large Wind Energy Systems (LWES) as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Ashland Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Purpose: The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide local control for the development and use of wind power as an alternative energy source, benefitting both the economy and the environment, while protecting public health, safety, property values, wildlife and general welfare; preserving environmental, historic and scenic resources; controlling Sound Pressure Levels and preventing electromagnetic interference. This Ordinance provides a permitting process to ensure compliance with requirements and standards established therein (an application procedure that includes required surveys and studies; acknowledging easements and leases; accessibility to purchase power for local use; ongoing requirements for monitoring and reporting; addressing public inquiries and complaints; enforcement and penalties; decommissioning and financial assurance).

These two articles will appear as written on a separate zoning ballot.

This article was read by Moderator Hoerter. Planning Board Chairman Susan Macleod explained that the purpose of question #2 was to give the town some leverage if any projects were to come before the planning board.

ARTICLE 3- Estimated Tax impact for first year bond payment is 52 cents

Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the Budget Committee.

We the undersigned registered voters of Ashland, do hereby petition that the following article be placed on the warrant for the 2014 Annual Ashland Town Meeting: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$950,000.00) for the purchase, renovating and furnishing of the former elementary school property (41 School Street) from Tri-County Community Action Program for the use of the Ashland Town Library; and to authorize the issuance of not more than nine hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$950,000.00) of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) for that purpose; and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon: and to authorize the receipt and expenditure of any Federal, state or private funds that may become available for this purpose. (This is a Petitioned article-60% majority vote required)

The Board of Selectmen failed to recommend this article 1-1

The Budget Committee does not recommend this article 4-2-1

Power point presentation was given by the Library Trustees. Discussion was heard. Attorney Whitley informed those present that the article as written lacked a way to raise and appropriate funds; therefore if the article were to pass the town would need to structure the first bond payment for 2015.

Article will appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 4- Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling **\$6,207,871** Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be **\$6,130,645** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

General Operating Budget Town	\$2,619,700
Electric Department	\$3,105,968
Water	\$ 178,548
Sewer	\$ 303,655

The article was read by Moderator Hoerter. Motion to amend article to restore \$3000 to the grant line under general government – Preston; seconded; discussion – Attorney Whitley that the amendment can not specify where the funds if restored were to go.

Motion to amend the amendment to restore \$3000 to the general operating budget – Preston; seconded; voted in the affirmative by showing of hands.

Motion to add to the end of the article [before the breakdown of numbers] “The operating and default budgets will be reduced contingent upon the passage of warrant articles 22,23,24,25.” – Anne Abear; seconded; Attorney Whitley stated that this article is written according to statute and the wording can not be amended. Ms. Abear stated that the Department of Revenue Administration informed her that this could be done. Moderator Hoerter found this amendment not to be legal [upon advice of town council] and was dismissed.

Increases in the budget were discussed including salary increases for contracted employees including new 29 hour/week fire chief.

ARTICLE 5- Estimated Tax impact is 3.9 cents

To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a five year lease purchase agreement for Forty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$47,000) for the purpose of purchasing a Transfer Station mini loader for the Public Works Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000) for the first year payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-1

The article was read by Moderator Hoerter. Discussion – PWD Paquette stated that this new piece of equipment would replace the 1984 skid steer and 1975 forklift at the transfer station.

Article will appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 6- Estimated Tax impact is 14.9 cents

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty four Thousand dollars (\$34,000) for the purchase of a pickup truck with plow for the Public Works Department.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-1

The Budget Committee does not recommend this article 4-2

The article was read by Moderator Hoerter. Discussion – PWD Paquette stated that this truck would replace the 1985 army surplus truck which has no plow; would be a purchase not a lease; the board of Selectmen found the donation of the old water and sewer truck not cost effective.

Article will appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 7- Estimated Tax impact is 54.8 cents

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) to be placed into the Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund established in 2012.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 6-0

The article was read by Moderator Hoerter. Discussion was that funds were needed for future road improvements

Article will appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 8- Estimated Tax impact is 11 cents
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed into the Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing police department vehicles.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-1

The article was read by Moderator Hoerter. Discussion – Chief Randall stated that this would be for future vehicle replacement scheduled for 2015.

Article will appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 9- Estimated Tax impact is 21.9 cents
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed into the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing fire department vehicles.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 6-0

The article was read by Moderator Hoerter. Discussion – Chief Heath stated that this would be for future needs of the department.

Article will appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 10- To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish or amend fees pursuant to RSA 41:9-a. This authority shall continue in effect until rescinded. If adopted, the Board of Selectmen, following a hearing, may establish or amend fees or charges for the issuance of any license or permit which is part of a regulatory program, and/or for the use or occupancy of any public revenue-producing facility.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-0

The article was read by the moderator. Town Administrator spoke in of the need to have this pass in order to make adjustment to fees when necessary.

Motion to amend article to add “public” before hearing – Kathy Jaquith; seconded; discussion for and against this article; vote on the article as amended was declared in the affirmative by a showing of hands.

Article will appear on the ballot as amended.

ARTICLE 11- To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 261:153, VI to authorize the collection of an additional fee for motor vehicle registrations in the amount of \$5.00, to be deposited in a Capital Reserve Fund established by this vote, to be used for the purpose of municipal transportation improvements, to fund, wholly or in part, improvements in the local or regional transportation system, including roads, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, parking and intermodal facilities and public transportation; and further to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. Registrations for motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles (as defined in RSA 215-A:1, I-b) and antique motor vehicles (as defined in RSA 259:4) are exempt from this fee. This fee shall be collected starting with motor vehicle registration permits on or after May 1, 2014.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-0

The Budget Committee does not recommend this article 4-2

The article was read by the moderator. Explanation of purpose of the article was presented by Patricia Tucker. Discussion ensued for and against.

Article will appear on the ballot as written

******Motion to waive verbatim reading of the articles moving forward – Ann Manwaring; seconded; hand vote in the affirmative.***

ARTICLE 12-

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend donations up to a total of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) for the purpose of the Fourth of July celebrations.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-2

No discussion – article will appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 13-

Estimated Tax impact is 4.1 cents

Petitioned Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Three Hundred Forty Two Dollars (\$9,342) for Pemi-Baker Community Health (a non-profit organization) for the purpose of providing uninsured and under-insured residents of the Town with quality home health care. The sum amounts to Four Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$4.50) per resident based upon recent census data and it represents a small fraction of the cost of providing these services to our residents in their home. (Home care provided by Pemi-Baker Community Health to uninsured and under-insured patients helps the Town limit welfare payments for medical services.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-1

No discussion - article will appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 14- Estimated Tax impact is 0.4 cents

Petitioned Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for CADY (Communities for Alcohol and Drug-free Youth, a non-profit organization) for the purpose of supporting the local court diversion program to reduce juvenile delinquency by increasing offender accountability, ensuring restitution to victims and potentially saving the Town many thousands of dollars in placement costs at juvenile detention facilities. (During the last five years CADY has served seven juvenile offenders from Ashland, providing services that saved the Town many thousands of dollars).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0

The Budget Committee does not recommend this article 5-2

Discussion – Chief Randall answered question about town participation with this organization.

Article will appear on the ballot as written.

******Motion to limit reconsideration of all articles to this point – Heindenreich; seconded; vote in the affirmative by hand vote.***

ARTICLE 15- Estimated Tax impact is 1.4 cents

Petitioned Article: We the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Ashland do hereby petition the 2014 Annual Town Meeting to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,107.00 for Tri-County Community Action for the purposes of continuing services of the Fuel Assistance Program for the residents of Ashland. Through the efforts of Tri-County Community Action the citizens of Ashland have received a total of \$110,924.21 in funds for essential services for this fiscal year, an increase in \$3,848.21 from the previous year.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-2

No discussion - article will appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 16- Estimated Tax impact is 1.2 cents

Petitioned Article: The following registered voters in the Town of Ashland respectfully request that the below article be placed on the town warrant: The Town of Ashland will raise and appropriate funds totaling \$2,700 to Genesis Behavioral Health for the delivery of Emergency Mental Health Services. These services include access to Master's level clinicians and psychiatrists by individuals, police, fire, schools, hospitals and others 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Services are provided to anyone in need, regardless of their ability to pay. Genesis Behavioral Health is the community mental health center servicing Belknap and Southern Grafton Counties. We served 3,274 children, families, adults and elders in Fiscal Year 2013, 73 of whom were Ashland residents. Genesis Behavioral Health provided Emergency Services to 8 Ashland residents in Fiscal Year 2013. We provided \$11,032.07 in charitable care to Ashland residents.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-1

No discussion - article will appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 17- Estimated Tax impact is 2.2 cents

Petitioned Article: We the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Ashland request you to insert in the warrant for the 2014 Town meeting the following article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of providing, food, shelter, support -services to participants at the Bridge House. Veterans are a priority.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-1

Motion to amend amount to \$2500 – Tucker; seconded; discussion; declared to pass in the affirmative by hand vote; no further discussion

Article will appear on the ballot as amended.

ARTICLE 18- Estimated Tax impact is 2.9 cents

Petitioned Article: We registered voters in the Town of Ashland present this petitioned article to be included in the 2014 Town of Ashland Warrant: Shall the voters raise and appropriate Six thousand and six hundred dollars (\$6,600.00) to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council Inc. for services for Ashland residents in 2014. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, outreach support, ServiceLink support and more. In FY2013, Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 136 Ashland residents and ServiceLink provided services for 45 residents. The cost of these services was \$76,604.70.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-2

No discussion - article will appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 19- Estimated Tax impact is 1.1 cents

Petitioned Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400) for the fiscal year 2013-2014 to support Voices Against Violence, a non-profit Crisis Center and shelter providing emergency shelter, court and hospital accompaniment and general support to women, men and children who are victims of domestic and sexual violence and stalking.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0

The Budget Committee does not recommend this article 4-3

Motion to amend to \$1200 – Tucker; seconded; discussion; motion found to have failed by hand vote.

Article will appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 20- Estimated Tax impact is 6.6 cents

Petitioned Article: To see if the town will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of the RSA 31:19-a for the purposes of funding matching grants for maintenance, repair, training and equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in this fund and further to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

The Board of Selectmen failed to recommend this article 1-1

The Budget Committee recommended this article 6-1

Discussion ensued. Motion to add sentence to end of article – “These monies will not be used for the utilities” – Less Nichols; seconded; discussion – advised to add “Ashland” before utilities; amendment to read – “These monies will not be used for the Ashland Utilities” – Stewart; seconded; vote in the affirmative by hand vote.

David Toth stated that the article was to preserve unused funds as they would carryover into the next year.

Clarification of who would be eligible for these matching funds [would it include any properties under the jurisdiction of the Town of Ashland] was asked for.

Motion to add “that the matching funds be available for any properties under the jurisdiction of the Town of Ashland – Lis Cody – no second

Moderator declared a 5 minute recess at 4:05 PM.

Following the recess Attorney Whitley stated that the amendment was not necessary because of the statutory authority given in 31:19-a.

Chairman Stewart answered a question as to how the funds would be allocated – as it was a petitioned article the selectmen have not had discussions related to it.

Lis Cody withdrew her amendment.

Article will appear on the ballot as amended

ARTICLE 21-

Petitioned Article: By petition of the undersigned REGISTERED voters of the town of Ashland, NH to see if the town would vote to require the town to: Re-open the Mechanic Street Parking LOT off of Main Street to overnight parking as it has been used for many years until recently. The town shall post the signs that require those using the parking lot to not park there during impending snow/ice storms until the lot is plowed.

Non resident Fran Wendelboe was given permission to speak by the voters regarding this article.

Attorney Whitley stated that if this article were to pass it has no binding affect. State law has given the selectmen authority on how to use town property.

Article will appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 22-

Petitioned Article: Shall the Town of Ashland **adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict** Forty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Two Dollars (\$48,802) each year of **revenue from the Water Department user fees** to expend for the **purpose of offsetting the general obligation bonds** previously established for this department currently paid through general taxation? Such revenues and expenditures shall **be accounted for** in a special revenue fund to be known as the Water Bonds Offset Special Revenue Fund, separate from the general fund, water fund and sewer fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus, water fund accumulated surplus or sewer fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue. This warrant article is contingent on the passage of the next warrant article. Petitioned Article (Majority ballot vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0

The Budget Committee failed to recommend this article 2-2-3

Anne Abear asked Attorney Whitley if he had any concerns about the article – answered no. Article was explained and discussed.

Article will appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 23-

Petitioned Article: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$48,802 for this year's water bond payment with \$48,802 coming from the Water Bonds Offset Special Revenue Fund and to authorize the withdrawal from the Water Bonds Offset Fund in the amount of \$48,802 already included in the operating budget. This article contingent on the passage of the previous warrant article establishing the Water Bond Offset Special Revenue Fund. The passage of this article will reduce the Town's operating budget by \$48,402.

The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article 3-0

The Budget Committee failed to recommend this article 2-2-3

Motion to amend amount on last line as written from \$48,402 to \$48,802 – Anne Abear; seconded; voted in the affirmative by hand vote.

Article will appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 24-

Petitioned Article: Shall the Town of Ashland **adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict** Forty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Two Dollars (\$48,802) each year of **revenue from the Sewer Department user fees** to expend for the **purpose of offsetting the general obligation bonds** previously established for this department currently paid through general taxation? Such revenues and expenditures shall **be accounted for** in a special revenue fund to be known as the Sewer Bonds Offset Special Revenue Fund, separate from the general fund, water fund and sewer fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus, water fund accumulated surplus or sewer fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue. This warrant article is contingent on the passage of the next warrant article. Petitioned Article (Majority ballot vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0

The Budget Committee failed to recommend this article 2-2-3

Article will appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 25-

Petitioned Article: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$48,802 for this year's sewer payment with \$48,802 coming from the Sewer Bonds Offset Special Revenue Fund and to authorize the withdrawal from the Sewer Bonds Offset Fund in the amount of \$48,802 already included in the operating budget. This article contingent on the passage of the previous warrant article establishing the Sewer Bond Offset Special Revenue Fund. The passage of this article will reduce the Town's operating budget by \$48,402.

The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article 3-0

The Budget Committee failed to recommend this article 2-2-3

Motion to amend amount on last line as written from \$48,402 to \$48,802 – Anne Abear; seconded; voted in the affirmative by hand vote.

Article will appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 26-

Petitioned Article: Shall the Town of Ashland Authorize the Town to transfer, sell, convey, dispose or assign all of the real and personal property and rights constituting the Squam Lake Dam Hydroelectric generating facility, located at the outlet of Little Squam Lake, including a Lease Agreement between the Town Electric Department and the State of New Hampshire dated May 27, 1981 with terms and conditions to be determined by the Commissioners of the Town Electric Department. (Majority Vote Required)

Electric Commissioner Dan Vaughn spoke on this article stating that keeping the lease is not cost affective. No electricity has been generated for over 10 years.

Article will appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 27-

Petitioned Article: Shall the town adopt a procedure whereby any proposal to sell all or substantially all of the Town's electric, water or sewer utility assets, other than land and buildings, must be presented to the board of selectmen and placed on the agenda for discussion at no less than two public meetings, duly noticed in accordance with RSA 91-A, at least one year apart. If, subsequent to those public meetings, the board of selectmen votes to approve such proposal, a warrant article shall be placed on the general ballot for approval by 2/3 of all the voters present and voting at the next annual meeting following the second such public meeting.

Lee Nichols addressed this article.

Attorney Whitley stated that if this article were to pass it can not be enforced

Article will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:21 PM – Preston; seconded and declared adjourned by hand vote.

Patricia Tucker, CTC
Town Clerk - Ashland

State Primary – September 9, 2014

The polls were opened by Moderator Hoerter at 8 AM and was declared that they would close no earlier than 7 PM.

Election workers working during the day were Moderator Bobbi Hoerter, Town Clerk Patricia Tucker, Supervisors of the Checklist Beverly Ober, Patricia Bickford, Terri Linden; Ballot Clerks David Ruell, Patricia Dame, Elisabeth Cody, Margaret Duguay; Selectmen Jeanette I. Stewart, Frances Newton, Norman DeWolfe.

Election Day Statistics

New Registrations	11
Undeclared voting Republican	66
Undeclared voting Democratic	20
 Total Republicans on Checklist	 404
Total Democrats on Checklist	290
Total Undeclared on Checklist	731
Grand Total	1425
 Total voting on 9/9/14	 251
Percentage voting	18%

Write in votes

Republican Governor	Max Abrahamison	2	Democratic Governor	Walt Haverstein	1
	Maggie Hassen	2	US Senator	Merilinda Garcia	1
Rep US Senator	Gardner Goldsmith	2	State Senator	Merilinda Garcia	1
Executive Councilor	Mike Cryans	1		Jeannie Forester	1
Delegate to Convention	Norma Cole	1	Sheriff	Steve Lake	1
Sheriff	Anthony Randall	1	Register of Probate	Steve Lake	1
County Attorney	Jack McCormack	1			
	Ward Scott	1			
	Quentin Blaine	1			
County Treasurer	Carol Elliott	2			
	Andrew Hemingway	1			
	Linda Guyotte	2			
	Jenny Allen	1			
Register Of Probate	Roberta Hoerter	1			
	Quentin Blaine	1			
County Commissioner	Jenny Allen	1			



OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR
**ASHLAND
DEMOCRATIC**
STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
September 9, 2014

Wm. Barber
SECRETARY OF STATE

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

1. To vote, fill in the oval ☐ opposite your choice (s) like this ☒
2. To write-in a candidate not on the ballot, write the name on the line provided for the office and fill in the oval ☐ opposite the write-in line, like this ☒

For Governor Vote for not more than 1 Maggie Hassan 52 <input type="radio"/> Clecia Terrio 0 <input type="radio"/> Ian Freeman 3 <input type="radio"/> WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>	For State Representatives Grafton District 9 Vote for not more than 2 Judy Wallick 35 <input type="radio"/> Jeremy J. Olson 26 <input type="radio"/> WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/> WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/> WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>	For County Attorney Vote for not more than 1 Lara Joan Saffo 45 <input type="radio"/> WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>
For United States Senator Vote for not more than 1 Jeanne Shaheen 52 <input type="radio"/> WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>	For State Representative Grafton District 17 Vote for not more than 1 Tom Ploszaj 7 <input type="radio"/> Catherine Mulholland 40 <input type="radio"/> WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>	For County Treasurer Vote for not more than 1 Bonnie McCrory Parker 44 <input type="radio"/> WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>
For Representative in Congress Vote for not more than 1 Ann McLane Kuster 50 <input type="radio"/> WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>	For Sheriff Vote for not more than 1 WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>	For Register of Deeds Vote for not more than 1 Kelley Jean Monahan 44 <input type="radio"/> WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>
For Executive Councilor Vote for not more than 1 Michael J. Cryans 46 <input type="radio"/> WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>		For Register of Probate Vote for not more than 1 WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>
For State Senator Vote for not more than 1 Carolyn Mello 43 <input type="radio"/> WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>		For County Commissioner Vote for not more than 1 Martha B. Richards 48 <input type="radio"/> WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>



OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR
**ASHLAND
REPUBLICAN**
STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
September 9, 2014

Wm. Stark
SECRETARY OF STATE

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

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For Governor

Vote for not more than 1

Daniel J. Greene 8 ☐

Walt Havenstein 77 ☐

Andrew Hemingway 94 ☐

Jonathan Smolin 4 ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For United States Senator

Vote for not more than 1

Scott P. Brown 72 ☐

Robert D'Arcy 2 ☐

Miro Dziedzic 2 ☐

Mark W. Farnham 2 ☐

Bob Heghmann 4 ☐

Walter W. Kelly 2 ☐

Andy Martin 0 ☐

Jim Rubens 57 ☐

Bob Smith 46 ☐

Gerard Beloin 2 ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

**For Representative
in Congress**

Vote for not more than 1

Gary Lambert 56 ☐

Jim Lawrence 33 ☐

Mike Little 7 ☐

Marilinda Garcia 84 ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For Executive Councilor

Vote for not more than 1

Joseph D. Kenney 143 ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For State Senator

Vote for not more than 1

Jeanie Forrester 127 ☐

Timothy Condon 53 ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

**For State Representatives
Grafton District 9**

Vote for not more than 2

Jeff Shackett 99 ☐

Robert Hull 85 ☐

Eric T. Rottenecker 28 ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

**For State Representative
Grafton District 17**

Vote for not more than 1

Stephen Darrow 127 ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For Sheriff

Vote for not more than 1

Douglas R. Dutile 144 ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For County Attorney

Vote for not more than 1

WRITE-IN ☐

For County Treasurer

Vote for not more than 1

WRITE-IN ☐

For Register of Deeds

Vote for not more than 1

Bill Sharp 131 ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For Register of Probate

Vote for not more than 1

WRITE-IN ☐

For County Commissioner

Vote for not more than 1

Paul H. Simard 135 ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

**For Delegate to the
State Convention**

Vote for not more than 1

Diane Gallien 123 ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

2014 STATE GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 4, 2014

The polls were declared open by Moderator Hoerter at 8 AM and declared not to close before 7 PM. It was announced that the absentee ballots would be cast beginning at 1 PM.

Elections workers present during the day were – Moderator Bobbi Hoerter, Town Clerk Patricia Tucker, Assistant Moderator Sandra Coleman, Town Clerk Pro Tem Traci Tucker, Supervisors of the Checklist Beverly Ober, Terri Linden, Patricia Bickford, Selectmen Normand DeWolfe, Frances newton, Jeanette I. Stewart, Stephen Felton, Philip Preston; Ballot Clerks Norma Cole, Patricia Dame, Steven Orlich, Susan Wei, David Ruell, Katie Maher, Liz Cody.

VOTING STATISTICS FOR
NOVEMBER 4, 2014
STATE GENERAL ELECTION

• New registrants on November 4	58
• Registered Republicans on checklist	423
• Registered Democrats on checklist	304
• Registered Undeclared on checklist	755
• Total on checklist	1428
Number of votes cast – November 4	770
Percentage	54%

Patricia Tucker, CTC
Ashland Town Clerk

November 4, 2014 – Write in Votes

Governor	David Mack Sr.	1
	Andrew Hemmingway	2
	John Shea	1
	John Babiarz	1
US Senator	Gardner Goldsmith	2
	Jim Rubens	1
US Representative	Lisa Wilber	1
	Brian Chabol	1
State Senator	Gene Allen Bowman	1
State Rep – District 9	Erik Rottenecker	1
State Rep – District 17	Erik Rottenecker	1
Sheriff	Anthony Randall	1
	Dave Mack Sr.	1
	Steve Dupre	1
County Attorney	Ryan Rafferty	1
County Treasurer	Ryan Rafferty	2
	Andrew Hemmingway	1
	Jen Fleming	1
Register of Probate	Mark Anderson	1
	Douglas Dutile	1
	Richard Ash	1
	Debrah Vik	1
	Jen Flemming	1

ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR
ASHLAND

GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 4, 2014

Wm. Simard
SECRETARY OF STATE



INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

1. **To Vote.** Completely fill in the oval ☐ to the right of your choice. For each office vote for not more than the number of candidates stated in the sentence: "Vote for not more than ____." If you vote for more than the stated number of candidates, your vote for that office will not be counted.

2. **To Vote by Write-In.** To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write in the name of the person in the "write-in" space. Completely fill in the oval ☐ to the right of your choice.

Offices	Republican Candidates	Democratic Candidates	Other Candidates	Write-in Candidates
For Governor Vote for not more than 1	Walt Havenstein ³⁵⁶ <input type="radio"/>	Maggie Hassan ³⁹³ <input type="radio"/>		Governor <input type="radio"/>
For United States Senator Vote for not more than 1	Scott P. Brown ³⁴⁵ <input type="radio"/>	Jeanne Shaheen ⁴¹⁷ <input type="radio"/>		United States Senator <input type="radio"/>
For Representative in Congress Vote for not more than 1	Marilinda Garcia ³⁴⁹ <input type="radio"/>	Ann McLane Kuster ³⁹⁴ <input type="radio"/>		Representative to Congress <input type="radio"/>
For Executive Councilor Vote for not more than 1	Joseph D. Kenney ³⁸⁸ <input type="radio"/>	Michael J. Cryan ³²² <input type="radio"/>		Executive Councilor <input type="radio"/>
For State Senator Vote for not more than 1	Jeanie Forrester ⁴⁶⁹ <input type="radio"/>	Carolyn Mello ²⁷³ <input type="radio"/>		State Senator <input type="radio"/>
For State Representatives Grafton District 9 Vote for not more than 2	³⁶⁷ Jeff Shackett <input type="radio"/> ³²⁶ Robert Hull <input type="radio"/>	Judy Wallick ³⁴⁰ <input type="radio"/> Jeremy J. Olson ²⁷² <input type="radio"/>		State Representatives Grafton District 9 <input type="radio"/> State Representatives Grafton District 9 <input type="radio"/>
For State Representative Grafton District 17 Vote for not more than 1	Stephen Darrow ³⁷⁶ <input type="radio"/>	Catherine Mulholland ³³³ <input type="radio"/>		State Representative Grafton District 17 <input type="radio"/>
For Sheriff Vote for not more than 1	Douglas R. Dutile ³⁷⁵ <input type="radio"/>	Douglas R. Dutile ³¹³ <input type="radio"/>		Sheriff <input type="radio"/>
For County Attorney Vote for not more than 1	Lara Joan Saffo ³⁶² <input type="radio"/>	Lara Joan Saffo ³⁰⁹ <input type="radio"/>		County Attorney <input type="radio"/>
For County Treasurer Vote for not more than 1		Bonnie McCrory Parker ⁴¹⁶ <input type="radio"/>		County Treasurer <input type="radio"/>
For Register of Deeds Vote for not more than 1	³⁶⁰ Bill Sharp <input type="radio"/>	³⁴³ Kelley Jean Monahan <input type="radio"/>		Reg. of Deeds <input type="radio"/>
For Register of Probate				Reg. of Probate <input type="radio"/>
For County Commissioner Vote for not more than 1	³⁰⁵ Paul H. Simard <input type="radio"/>	³³² Martha B. Richards <input type="radio"/>	Independent ⁹² Allan E. Monica <input type="radio"/>	County Commissioner <input type="radio"/>

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPORT

2014 was a very busy year for the Ashland Board of Selectmen (BOS). The year started with three Selectmen. In the March election, per the wish of the voters, the Board was increased to five members. The current five-member Board consists of Norm DeWolfe, Steve Felton, Fran Newton, Jeanette Stewart and Phil Preston. A new chairman, Norm DeWolfe, was chosen during the March organizational meeting.

Accomplishments

During 2014, the BOS approved a new 7- year contract with Time Warner, established a Mission Statement, and reviewed some of the outdated ordinances. In addition, the BOS toured the Ashland Properties portion of the old mill, which has been vacant and remains on the list of unpaid property taxes. Discussions continue as to options for dealing with the building, including boarding up, demolition or refurbishment for economic development. The BOS approved and collaborated with HEAL members and other dedicated community members to submit grants including one for a DES Brownfield Assessment of the above mentioned portion of the mill and one for a state DOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) sidewalk replacement in the central downtown area. The BOS also approved the establishment of the much needed Ashland Economic Development Committee, conducted a cost/service analysis of computer service providers for the upcoming year, and explored possible Public Works outsourcing services with Utility Partners, which manages our Water and Sewer operations. The BOS reviewed the town personnel policy manual and revised portions of the policies. The BOS established a Priority Table of initiatives, updated by member Fran Newton. The table was designed to keep the Board organized and track completion progress. Maintenance of the table was turned over to the Town Administrator for 2015. The BOS also instituted a revised Citizen complaint/comment form that can be filled out at the town office or off the town website. This allowed a more streamlined means for citizens to provide their thoughts to the BOS.

Board work session meetings were moved from mornings to evenings to facilitate increased public attendance and create greater transparency. The Board approved the filming of both monthly meetings so that citizens can view the majority of the meetings via Pemi-Baker CAM channel 3 or on the town website. The BOS is exploring GIS mapping for the town, especially as it relates to digitization of our tax maps on an open source computer program. The BOS completed an in-depth performance evaluation of the Town Administrator.

Infrastructure (Buildings and Roads)

The BOS approved repair of the furnace room bulkhead and replacement the Moo Corners Bridge, voted to remove asbestos on the third floor of the Town Office (will be completed in January 2015), replaced a portion of the sidewalk from the new Dollar General to School Street and supported refinishing of the Booster Club wooden floor. The Board dealt with a problematic logging operation off Sanborn Rd., approved the dredging of the Tail Race for the Mill Pond Hydroelectric and replacement of the drainage system for Leavitt Hill Rd. The Board approved expenditures for energy efficient, cost-saving lighting upgrades in town buildings.

Financial

Given that the voters rejected the proposed 2014 operating budget, the Town had to operate with a default budget, which presented the BOS and Finance Officer with the challenge of allocating limited financial resources to provide essential town services and meet contractual obligations.

Thanks to the combined efforts of the town, the county and the local, regional and state school portions, plus an increased assessment and slightly improved revenues, we were able to lower the tax rate from \$25.12 to \$23.97 per thousand, our first tax rate reduction in 5 years.

Conclusion

The Board of Selectmen wish to thank all the many volunteers who serve on the various Boards, Committees and other Organizations that help enhance our community to make Ashland a vibrant and welcoming community to live in. Thanks to the efforts of these dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly, we have many things the town can be proud of, including, but not limited to, the 4th of July celebration, Christmas Night in Ashland, a new Community Garden, new bike racks and refurbished bike distribution, movies in the park, landscaping and flowers, 150th birthday planning and events, Got Lunch, grant writing, capital needs assessment and planning, land use oversight and economic development exploration.

Finally, the Board of Selectmen encourages citizens to actively participate by joining any of our many Town Boards, Committees and other Organizations.

Thanks for your continued support and interest in the Town of Ashland.

Town Administrator's Report Submitted by Paul Branscombe

It is with great pleasure that I present my fourth annual report to the residents of the Town of Ashland for the year 2014. I should like to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Town office staff and the Department Heads for their continued support in assisting me with my duties throughout the year. My role has been and always will be to supervise the administrative affairs of the Town and carry out the policies enacted by the Board of Selectmen.

2014 was another challenging year but a productive one at Town Hall. Working under the direction of the new five member Board of Selectmen we moved forward in a number of key areas. Although the Town operated on a default budget we were able to create a budget that met the needs of the community thanks to the sterling efforts of our new Financial Officer and the belt tightening of our Department Heads. This was accomplished even with cuts in State aid to Municipalities and in particular increases in retirement expenses which the State passed along to the Cities and Towns.

Our major victory in 2014 and our first in five years, was being able to reduce the tax rate from \$25.12 per thousand to \$23.97. The Board of Selectmen were able to keep the rate under \$24.00 and reduce the burden on taxpayers by a contribution from the un-assigned fund balance. The Town portion of the tax rate reduced from \$9.15 per thousand to \$8.37.

There were other good things that we were able to achieve and I have shared those in the following paragraphs.

Our Capital Improvement Program committee was very active in continuing to analyze the Town's future short and long term requirements which will be reflected in the important warrant articles that will appear on the ballot for the voters next March.

Our local economy continues to be somewhat fragile even though we saw the arrival of a new business on Main Street, namely the Dollar General store. The formation of the Ashland Economic Development Committee will expand our efforts to bring much needed development to our community. The appointment next year of an Ashland resident who is also employed by the State in their Division for Resource and Economic Development (DRED) will bring more creative discussion to the committee.

The Selectmen's approval of the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan in 2013 was given its blessing by FEMA this year which will allow the Town to seek funding in the event the community infrastructure should suffer from any weather related storms and such like in the future.

While the Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL) grant period has expired, the HEAL Steering Committee continued to work diligently in identifying additional strategies to increase access to healthy eating and physical activity in our community. At the time of writing this report the committee was still awaiting word on a grant application, which if awarded, would improve pedestrian and cycling in Town.

The Selectmen approved the renewal contract with Time Warner Cable for a period of seven years. The Town had participated in a consortium with other Lakes Region communities to save on legal costs and in fact this gave us much needed leverage to get a contract in place ahead of our neighbors who are still negotiating 'build outs' in their communities.

Ashland has been recognized by both FEMA and NH Emergency Preparedness as being the Town most ready to handle emergency situations as evidenced by our First Responder exercises and Shelter Drills. This year we saw the appointment of Co-Emergency Management Directors, namely Fire Chief Steve Heath and Electric Superintendent Lee Nichols. When Chief Heath retired as Vice Principal of the Ashland Elementary School, the Town took the opportunity to give him extended hours which meant that the Fire Station would be manned during the day and inspections of local properties and businesses would be stepped up.

Ashland accepted credit card payments for tax bills for the first time in its history and in 2015 will be set up to have this form of payment for auto registrations. Moving forward with technology we researched our IT needs by asking for proposals from two outside firms to see how they compared with our incumbent Certified Computer Systems (CCS). This resulted in the Town remaining with CCS who have identified areas where they can assist the Town office in implementing certain new capabilities in 2015.

Flushed with the success of replacing the Collins Street Bridge in 2013, Arnold Graton was awarded the contract to replace the Moo Corners Bridge over Owl Brook. NHDOT will now put this bridge on their list for future inspections.

The Town office is pleased to report that working with the folks from NH Electric Coop we were able to replace all the lighting in six Town buildings. NHEC offers communities that have their own electric department (of which there are only four in New Hampshire) the opportunity to participate in rebate programs that they offer. We shall be looking at further energy efficiency programs in 2015.

Certainly the positives outnumbered the negatives in 2014 and as the voters go to the polls in March next year the voice of the tax payers will be more important than ever. It is the Selectmen who represent the will of the people and play a pivotal role working out the policy issues that will chart our future. Their commitment to our Town is admirable.

I know I speak for all the employees of the Town when I say that we are truly gratified to have had the opportunity to serve so many in our community and are blessed by the trust you have placed in us. My goal in the last four years and for the foreseeable future will be to return public trust to the Town office.

ASHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Police Chief Anthony L. Randall

In 2014, your Police Department consisted of the following individuals: Chief Anthony Randall, Lieutenant Don Marren, Sergeant Daniel Hamilton, Senior Patrolman Bruce Cote, Patrolman Ryan Beausoleil, and part-time patrolmen Gary Carter and Seth Learned, as well as part-time Administrative Assistants Cecil Cooper and Jamie Lyford.

Similar to many other towns throughout the state, 2014 saw an increase in the use of heroin in Ashland as a cheaper alternative to other drugs such as meth and prescription medications. The police department does their best to clamp down on the drug activity with the staffing and personnel that we have. We are fortunate to have connections with the DEA and NH Drug Task for assistance with this problem. It is important that the public knows how difficult it becomes and how time consuming it is when attempting to rid the Town of this problem. The residents should know that we are doing the best that we can and that we do not ever give up on our ongoing efforts to cleanse the town of this drug problem. We also rely on you, the public, for information to assist us with our efforts to clean up our local drug issues.

The Department utilizes a community policing model requiring a partnership between the police and its residents in order to keep Ashland a safe community.

The Department secured grants in 2014 for replacement of bullet proof patrol vests from our matching grant line in our budget, and also secured a grant from Walmart for 5 iPads in an effort to move the department forward to cutting down on dispatch fees for our traffic stops. However, the iPads are just a small part of this goal, as we also need software programs and Wi-Fi boosters in the vehicles for better connection for our wireless communication system.

The Department continually trains in an effort to best serve the residents and taxpayers to make Ashland a safe community.

I would like to thank the taxpayers, residents, all the personnel working for Ashland Town Departments, and the police departments in surrounding towns for their support. I also would like to thank the personnel at the Ashland Police Department for their support, hard work and the sacrifices that they make on a daily basis to keep the town as safe as possible.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy 2015 with a reminder that car break-ins are crimes of opportunity, so please lock your vehicles.

2014 POLICE ACTIVITY			
<u>***Service Calls</u>	# of calls	<u>Criminal Activity</u>	# of calls
Aid to public	3,906	<u>Motor Vehicle Activity</u>	
Aid to Fire/Ambulance	275	Motor Vehicle Stops	939
Aid to other Law Enforcement	212	Motor Vehicle Accidents	41
Aid to other Town Agency	87	Abandoning a Vehicle	6
Civil Standby	42	Transporting Alcohol	3
Alarm	13	Assist Motorist	47
911 Hang up calls	92	Parking Tickets Issued	65
Missing Persons	17	Driving After Suspension	15
Animal Calls/Complaints	6	Motor vehicle Complaints	82
School Crossing	83	Driving under Influence	6
Business/Door Checks	340		
REDDI Calls	31		
Attempted Suicide/Suicide	17		
Lost/Property	10		
Check the Welfare	18		
Suspicious Activity	15		
Police Information	127		
Pistol Permits Issued	88		
Investigation/follow ups	62		
	270		
<u>Juvenile Cases</u>			
Truants	3		
Juvenile Petitions	0		
Unruly Juvenile	7		
*** Service Calls initiated by officer not included			

ASHLAND FIRE RESCUE

Submitted by Chief Stephen L. Heath

The total incident count for 2014 is 397 as compared to 407 in 2013, and 377 in 2012. The following is a break-down by incident type:

- Medical 236
- Fire 93
- Motor Vehicle Accident 52
- Service Calls 16

In addition to responding to emergency incidents, our personnel continue to log many hours attending regularly scheduled department training, (2 fire and 1 EMS training sessions per month), participating in numerous fire and EMS certification/recertification programs, live fire training exercises, apparatus and equipment checks, pre-planning, fire prevention programs, and fire safety inspections.

We currently have 27 active members. This year we welcomed three new members. Devin Anderson, Retta Brown, and Paul Rossi were hired as probationary firefighters. Devin and Paul have begun training toward certification as EMTs. Retta comes to us with a wealth of experience as a certified firefighter, and an Advanced EMT. The recruitment and retention of qualified personnel continues to be an area of concern, however the availability of personnel during the day is an area that I am most concerned about. Most of our personnel work out of town, and those that do work in town are not necessarily available to respond to calls. This is an issue that needs to be addressed in the near future.

Training continues to be a major focus for our department. In addition to our scheduled monthly training program, our members participate in EMS recertification programs, swift water rescue training, and live fire training exercises. During the early part of the year, seven members of this department and one member of the Ashland Police Department completed rope rescue technician training. This 40 hour program was paid for through a grant we received in 2013. In December, six of our personnel, Devin Anderson, Michael Lembo, Brittany Paquette, Korey Pierce, Kevin Potter, and Paul Rossi, began an Emergency Medical Technician Course, which meets on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 9:30, and Saturdays from 8:00 to 4:30 through March of 2015.

Mandatory equipment testing was completed, and once again we were able to reduce costs by doing our annual pump testing at the same location and day as another local department, thus reducing the cost. We also saved money by coordinating our aerial and ground ladder testing with several other local departments. Hose testing was done by Ashland Fire Department personnel. Self-contained breathing apparatus were checked by an outside company, and the SCBA bottles were hydro-tested. As the equipment ages the testing program becomes critical to providing safe reliable equipment for our personnel.

Several facilities projects were completed in the past year. Broken and outdated plumbing fixtures were replaced, the hot water heater was replaced, and the heating units on the upper apparatus floor were reconfigured and should now operate more efficiently. The lighting upgrades recommended in the energy audit have been completed and should also result in savings.

We greatly appreciate the support of the citizens of Ashland as we go about trying to provide the highest level of fire and EMS services possible.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Timothy Paquette, Department Head

2014 started off very busy for the Public Works Department. Record low temperatures and winter storms put an early strain on the winter maintenance budget. From January to the end of March the crew and I logged over a thousand hours of overtime.

There were two private projects being done in town this year and we were able to utilize those contractors to get two small projects done for the town. The first was replacing drainage on Leavitt Hill done by M.E. Latulippe. The second was a stretch of new sidewalk by the new Dollar General done by Brandon Hiltz. Thank you both for working with the town on these projects.

We had two emergencies this fall. The first was a large washout on North Ashland Road which required multiple loads of stone to fix. I would like to thank Don Latulippe for his assistance with his equipment (which he did not bill the town for), and Mike Latulippe for providing the stone (at a reduced price). The second was the bridge on Moo Corners which after a state inspection was immediately closed. The bridge had to be replaced and is now open. I would like to thank Arnold Graton and his crew for another great job. I would also like to thank the Conway Family for their patience during the closure of the bridge.

The department continued with its regular duties throughout the year which included ditch work, culvert replacement, catch basin repair, mowing, brush cutting and many other projects.

Thank you to my crew, the other departments, and the office staff which makes my job a lot easier.

In closing, I would like to say that Ashland is a great COMMUNITY and we as department heads and employees try our best to make this a good place to live for all who choose to live here. Being a public employee is a thankless job at times so support given to us always goes a long way.

Thank you to all who support the Public Works Department.

Transfer Station 2014

Timothy Paquette, Department Head

It was another busy year for the transfer station in 2014. The trash shipped out averaged around 550 tons which is a slight decrease from last year. The construction debris was around 170 ton this year which is down 20 tons from last year.

Our metal recycled this year which includes aluminum cans, shop wire, scrap aluminum, copper and heavy metal weighed in just over 15 ton. The market took a big hit this year so the price for heavier metals was not very good but every little bit helps with the town's revenue.

The prices for recycled paper and cardboard were also down this year but plastics were extremely high. Between paper, cardboard and plastics the town recycled over 85 tons of these materials in 2014. That would have cost the taxpayers over \$5000 had it been thrown in the compactor.

The revenue for the facility for the year was just over \$31000, that number includes sticker fees, recycling money, and transfer slips.

Your 2015 stickers can be purchased at the transfer station or town hall for \$2.

Thank you to the attendants for all their work at the facility.

As I say every year Ashland is a mandatory recycling facility and thank you to all who do their part.

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION 2014

VALUE OF LAND ONLY

CURRENT USE	\$	179,050.00
CONSERVATION RESTRICTION	\$	-
RESIDENTIAL	\$	68,953,200.00
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	\$	11,908,300.00
 TOTAL TAXABLE LAND	 \$	 81,040,550.00

VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY

RESIDENTIAL	\$	120,607,200.00
MANUFACTURED HOUSING	\$	3,052,600.00
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	\$	24,273,800.00
 TOTAL TAXABLE BUILDINGS	 \$	 147,933,600.00

PUBLIC UTILITIES

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY	\$	4,802,450.00
SQUAM RIVER POWER LLC	\$	323,250.00
NORTHWOODS RENEWABLES	\$	42,150.00
 TOTAL UTILITIES	 \$	 5,167,850.00

VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS

BLIND EXEMPTIONS	\$	75,000.00
ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS	\$	408,333.00
 TOTAL EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED	 \$	 483,333.00

NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY AND LOCAL TAX IS COMPUTED	\$	233,658,667.00
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NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED	\$	228,490,817.00
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*INFORMATION IS TAKEN FROM THE DRA MS 1 FORM
(2014 SUMMARY VALUATION OF INVENTORY)*

INVENTORY OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY		2014					
MAP/LOT	DESCRIPTION	ACRES	LAND VALUE	BUILDING VALUE	BOOK	PAGE	DATE
001-003-006	L/O NO ASHLAND ROAD	8.8	\$ 49,800.00		4063	756	6/20/14
001-003-006-011	UNDEVELOPED PROPOSED BLD SITES			\$ 100,000.00	4063	756	6/20/14
to 001-003-006-035							
003-001-007	L/O DEPOT STREET	0.41	\$ 35,900.00				1/8/79
003-002-004	96 COLLINS STREET (LANDFILL)	28.4	\$ 187,600.00	\$ 65,900.00	1142	551	6/9/71
003-003-001	NEW HAMPTON TOWN LINE	3.4	\$ 8,200.00				
003-003-002	137 COLLINS STREET (WWTF)	108	\$ 285,050.00	\$ 7,833,600.00		222	4/22/55
004-001-003	72 CEDAR LANE (PUMP STATION)	36.34	\$ 187,900.00	\$ 23,400.00	2191	54	4/15/96
004-002-015	JCT HILLSIDE AVE/MAIN STREET	0.44	\$ 36,600.00				
004-004-001	99 MAIN STREET (BALL FIELD / BOOSTER CLUB)	7	\$ 224,150.00	\$ 186,200.00			
	DEED - SULLIVAN				562	119	
	DEED - SPAULDING				826	71	11/1/52
	DEED - KILPATRICK				969	156	4/30/62
	DEED - BROWN				770	328	
	DEED - KNAPP				1087	510	1/8/69
005-001-005	L/O NORTH ASHLAND ROAD	0.98	\$ 8,100.00		4063	758	6/20/14
011-003-008	ROUTE 3 (SCENIC VIEW ROAD) / OWL BROOK RD	0.05	\$ 6,700.00		2394	653	5/24/99
011-003-010	ROUTE 3 (SCENIC VIEW ROAD) / OWL BROOK RD	0.04	\$ 5,400.00		2394	651	5/24/99
011-006-004	LEAVITT HILL ROAD (EDWARD DOGGETT BEACH)	1.5	\$ 777,300.00	\$ 4,400.00	863	431	5/18/55
012-005-003	LEAVITT HILL ROAD (E. DOGGETT CAMPGROUND)	5.2	\$ 326,350.00	\$ 70,600.00			
014-001-001-002	HYDRO DAM ON STATE LAND	2.5		\$ 176,100.00			
014-001-020	RIVER STREET (BOAT LAUNCH)	0.15	\$ 81,750.00				
015-001-020	RIVER STREET / CROSS ROAD	0.019	\$ 43,500.00		549	503	
015-002-019	RIVER STREET	0.52	\$ 30,800.00		471	126	
015-002-020	RIVER STREET	0.04	\$ 1,400.00		1109	519	3/3/70
015-002-021	RIVER STREET	1.3	\$ 20,400.00		2394	652	5/24/99
016-002-001	HIGHLAND AND MAIN STREET	0.046	\$ 5,050.00				
016-003-020	EDUCATION WAY (ASHLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS)	26	\$ 338,000.00	\$ 4,233,600.00			
016-003-021	L/O OFF SCHOOL STREET	0.55	\$ 38,050.00		726	135	
016-007-001	20 HIGHLAND STREET (ASHLAND TOWN HALL)	0.61	\$ 143,500.00	\$ 467,700.00	1167	405	7/3/72
016-009-004	RIVERSIDE DRIVE	0.06	\$ 15,100.00		2155	649	8/24/95
					2155	653	8/24/95
016-009-009	MAIN STREET/RIVERSIDE DRIVE (MEMORIAL PARK)	0.94	\$ 156,400.00	\$ 1,600.00			
	DEED - MARINE LAND				1099	430	8/25/69
	DEED - SIRLES LAND				1099	425	9/26/69
	DEED - HAVLOCK LAND				1029	500	
017-001	MAIN STREET / DEPOT STREET	0.07					
017-006-009	12 PLEASANT STREET (WHIPPLE HOUSE)	0.93	\$ 86,700.00	\$ 210,700.00	1120	106	7/21/70
017-007-001	41 MAIN STREET (SCRIBNER LIBRARY)	0.4	\$ 142,900.00	\$ 250,700.00	SCRIBNER WILL JAN 1935		
017-007-012	MAIN STREET (LEGION BUILDING LAND)	0.75	\$ 168,600.00	\$ 13,800.00	712	169	
017-008-001	MAIN AND MECHANIC STREET (PARKING LOT)	0.31	\$ 100,200.00	\$ 10,100.00	661	84	
017-009-001	9 MAIN STREET (ASHLAND FIRE STATION)	0.59	\$ 158,300.00	\$ 561,200.00			
017-009-003	SO MAIN ST/CORNER DEPOT	0.07	\$ 2,600.00				
017-011-002	DEPOT STREET	0.02	\$ 1,050.00				
017-013-008	WASHINGTON STREET	0.402	\$ 57,100.00		2394	650	5/24/99
018-001-001	6 COLLINS STREET (UTILITY/TOWN GARAGE)	3.5	\$ 195,300.00	\$ 401,700.00	1359	656	
018-001-001-001	DEPOT STREET	27.76	\$ 56,750.00				1/8/79
018-004-001	HAROLD AVERY ROAD	0.55	\$ 27,550.00		1416	659	3/5/81
018-004-002	HAROLD AVERY ROAD	0.52	\$ 27,400.00		1416	659	3/5/81
018-004-034	HAROLD AVERY ROAD (WATER TOWER)	1.2	\$ 89,900.00	\$ 673,400.00	1424	233	6/17/81
025-002-005	WEST SIDE TOWN LINE - RANGE	0.59	\$ 800.00				
	SOURCE - DEEDS AND PREVIOUS TOWN REPORTS						
	SUBJECT TO CORRECTIONS IF FOUND						

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY 2014			
		BLD VALUE	CONTENTS
EDWARD DOGGETT CAMPGROUND	284 RIVER STREET	\$ 149,910.00	\$ 14,350.00
BATH HOUSE - BEACH	284 RIVER STREET	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
BATH HOUSE - CAMPGROUND	284 RIVER STREET	\$ 20,700.00	\$ 1,000.00
EQUIPMENT LOCK BOX/SHED	99 MAIN STREET	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
FIRE STATION	9 MAIN STREET	\$ 1,746,000.00	\$ 245,900.00
GATEHOUSE	19 LEAVITT HILL ROAD	\$ 1,000.00	
GAZEBO	99 MAIN STREET	\$ 3,500.00	
HISTORICAL MUSEUM	12 PLEASANT STREET	\$ 1,031,000.00	\$ 115,300.00
LIBRARY	41 MAIN STREET	\$ -	\$ 451,000.00
BOOSTER CLUB BUILDING	99 MAIN STREET	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 77,900.00
PARK AND REC EQUIPMENT SHED	99 MAIN STREET	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
PUMP STATION #1	148 RIVER STREET	\$ 102,500.00	\$ 118,000.00
PUMP STATION #2	242 RIVER STREET	\$ 102,500.00	\$ 118,000.00
PUMP STATION #3	RIVERSIDE DRIVE	\$ 102,500.00	\$ 118,000.00
SALT SHED	6 COLLINS STREET	\$ 159,700.00	\$ 40,000.00
SEWER PLANT BLOWER BUILDING	137 COLLINS STREET	\$ 421,000.00	\$ 187,000.00
SEWER PLANT CHEMICAL FEED	137 COLLINS STREET	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
SEWER PLANT CLARIFIERS	137 COLLINS STREET	\$ 14,860.00	\$ -
SEWER PLANT EAST INFLUENT BUILDING	137 COLLINS STREET	\$ 181,000.00	\$ 92,700.00
SEWER PLANT PUMP ROOM	137 COLLINS STREET	\$ 153,000.00	\$ 213,700.00
SNACK SHACK - EDWARD DOGGETT	LEAVITT HILL ROAD	\$ 54,623.00	\$ 2,412.00
STORAGE GARAGE	6 COLLINS STREET	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
STORAGE SHED - ELECTRIC	6 COLLINS STREET	\$ 132,000.00	\$ 39,700.00
SUBSTATION	18 COLLINS STREET	\$ 59,000.00	
TOWN GARAGE	6 COLLINS STREET	\$ 1,059,000.00	\$ 313,100.00
TOWN HALL	20 HIGHLAND STREET	\$ 1,898,000.00	\$ 345,000.00
TOWN SHED	6 COLLINS STREET	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
TRANSFER STATION RECYCLING BUILDING	96 COLLINS STREET	\$ 101,000.00	\$ 48,100.00
TRANSFER STATION COMPACTOR CONTROL BLD	96 COLLINS STREET	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00
TRANSFER STATION STORAGE BUILDING	96 COLLINS STREET	\$ 72,900.00	\$ 32,900.00
TWO DUGOUTS	99 MAIN STREET	\$ 3,400.00	\$ -
WATER TANK	68 HAROLD AVERY ROAD	\$ 977,000.00	\$ -
WATER TREATMENT PLANT	137 COLLINS STREET	\$ 419,000.00	\$ 362,900.00
WWTP ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING	137 COLLINS STREET	\$ 536,000.00	\$ 492,200.00
GRINDER PUMP STATION	299 RIVER STREET	\$ 2,500.00	
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	99 MAIN STREET	\$ 2,500.00	
REPEATER ANTENNA	PEPPERCORN ROAD	\$ 6,000.00	
COVERED BRIDGE	RIVER STREET	\$ 290,000.00	
*SOURCE - PRIMEX PROPERTY SCHEDULE			

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Submitted by Patricia Tucker, CTCTC

Fees collected by the town clerk and submitted to the treasurer (unaudited):

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$ 309,262.01
Refunds	\$ 173.00
Dog Licenses (town portion)	\$ 1,904.00
Dog Licenses (state portion)*	\$ 845.00
Vital Records (town portion)	\$ 1,830.00
Vital Records (state portion)*	\$ 2,400.00
Misc. Income	\$ 757.80

*Fees are collected and paid to the state

Citizens are able to renew vehicle registrations online at www.ashland.nh.gov by clicking on the registration icon. The method of payment is by e-check or credit card. This is for renewals only. Dog license renewals [deadline April 30] and property tax payments can be done online also. Credit card payment over the counter will begin after the first of the year (this will be in place before you read this report).

The following is a partial listing of the duties/functions of the Town Clerk that are performed throughout the year:

- Issue motor vehicle registrations
- Issue dog licenses
- Issue marriage licenses
- Provides certified copies of vital records [birth, death, marriage, divorce, dissolution]
- Record and preserve public records of the Town
- Record and certify minutes of Town Meetings
- Accept voter registrations to be forwarded to the Supervisors of the Checklist
- Assist in conduction and coordinating Federal, State and Local elections
- Administers Oath of Office to elected and appointed officials
- Receives service of writs of actions against the town
- Record Federal Tax Liens
- Record Articles of Agreement
- Review and process Dredge and Fill Applications
- Review, process and record Pole Licenses

In addition to the responsibilities mandated by State Statute, the Ashland Town Clerk's office:

- Issues decals for registration permits (within the limits permitted by the State of NH)

- Issues license plates (within the limits permitted by the State of NH)
- Provides Notary Public services
- Pursues payment for checks returned by financial institutions for non-sufficient funds
- Issues transfer station permits
- Aids the public in performing genealogy searches
- Responds to inquiries from the general public

The town clerk tax collector's are governed by the following State and Federal agencies:

- NH Department of Safety – Motor Vehicle Division
 - Bureau of Registration
 - Bureau of Title and Anti-Theft
 - Bureau of Financial Responsibility
- NH Department of Agriculture [Animal Industry Division]
- NH Secretary of State
 - Division of Vital Records Administration
 - Division of Archives and Records Management
 - Election Division
 - US compliance with HAVA and ADA requirements
 - UCC Division
- NH Department of Environmental Services [Wetlands Bureau]
- NH Office of Information Technology
- NH Department of Revenue Administration

This office is audited by the town's auditors and the town clerk's office is also audited by their state auditor.

We are able to attend workshops throughout the year that are sponsored by the town clerk and tax collector associations as well as various workshops sponsored by the state agencies.

I am lucky to have Pat Crowell assist me with duties here in this office.

Our hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 8-4; Thursday 8-5. This office is the place to come if you wish to declare residency, register to vote, register vehicles, search vital records or town records or if have any question hopefully we can point you in the right direction to get the correct answer.

The MS61 [tax collector's report] follows this narrative. As of December 31, 2014 ninety four percent [94%] of the 2014 taxes were paid. This is about average over the past few years. Unpaid 2014 taxes will be lien in May, so I expect that we will collect more between now and then.

Thank you to all for allowing me to serve you as your town clerk and tax collector.

Parks & Recreation – 2014

Submitted by Director James R. Gleich

Programming:

The Ashland Parks and Recreation has had several outstanding public programs that have been the main stay for the department. The After School Program, the Summer Camp Program, and the Edward N. Doggett Campground / Beach comprised the majority of activity within the department. A major contributor to the summer events programs was the Ashland Area Recreation Association (AARA). With their assistance, the Parks and Recreation department was able to offer six summer movies and seven Kids Night Our Programs. Our thanks go out to this very supportive group along with the sponsoring businesses that helped make the movies possible.

The After School Program had 26 children registered and the end of the 2013-2014 school year in June and currently has 21 children for the 2014-2015 school year. Ms. Ashli Beck, (certified Art Teacher k-12), joined the program as both a Program Assistant and Summer Camp Counselor. Her diversity and versatility had truly made her a valuable member of the programming staff. The Summer Camp Program had a very good season with great fieldtrips and fun events during the six week run. We are looking forward to the 2015 summer season.

The Edward N. Doggett Campground and Beach had a rough start with the thought of not having lifeguards to watch over the patrons. However, the community demonstrated great support for the guards and succeeded in getting them reinstated in early June just before the start of the 2014 beach season. The beach operated very smoothly along with the “Snack Shack” making the summer experience fun for all who attended this venue. The campground portion of this facility operated at full capacity from early July through the end of the camping season just after Columbus Day Weekend. We are anticipating another great summer season in 2015.

The Movies in the Park series was packed full of excitement. There were a total of 6 movies over the course of the summer.. The season started off with our largest crowd of 280 people for Disney’s “Frozen” and continued to be popular throughout September. Local businesses sponsored the movie licenses showing great community support while the Ashland Parks and Recreation Director along with the AARA members ran the events. We are planning on presenting more movies in 2015 in the months of June July and August.

Facilities Updates:

Throughout 2014 many of our facilities have been involved in some type of renovation or refurbishment. All of these improvements have helped to increase the quality of our buildings but also the quality of our programming available to the community. The crowning achievement was the Booster Club upgrades. The lighting in the main room and bathrooms were updated to 14” LED ceiling light in response to an energy audit and grant incentives from NH Electric Co-operative. The woods floors were refinished in grand style along with new floor mats to help keep the floor clean. The

bathroom areas received a heating facelift thank to the Pemi-Baker Bee Keepers Association who donated new electric baseboard heater for the facility. These combined to create a more visually pleasing and warmer environment for all to enjoy.

My thanks go out to the Ashland Town Library and Ashland Elementary School for helping us find locations for the After School Program during the refinishing process of the floors. Without their help, we would have had to cancel the program for that week. This is how departments and organizations help each other to help the town. Thank you.

The beach concession door had to be replaced after the building was broken into after the conclusion of the beach season. The only damage was to the door. General repairs are scheduled to be done prior to the start of the 2015 beach season.

The L.W. Packard Ball Field was kept in great shape throughout the summer thank to the Ashland Public Works Department. Tim Paquette and his crew continue to do a great job on the ball field maintenance. Thank you guys for all of the hard work.

Proposed improvements for 2015 are as follows:

- Installation of front gutters.
- Replacement of entry doors to the Booster Club.
- Staining of the Wheelchair ramp at the Booster Club.
- Picnic table repairs and/or replacement as needed at all facilities.

Many thanks need to go out to all the members of the community who had helped make these repairs and programs possible. Without all of your help, contributions of time, effort, and donations these repairs and upkeep would be impossible. Your assistance and support really makes a difference.

Community Involvement:

There are many ways for you (residents of Ashland) to become involved within Parks & Recreation:

- Attend programs
- Volunteer some of your time to help an activity happen.
- Suggest or Teach a class of interest
- Chaperone a trip
- Sponsor a camper
- Become a counselor at the summer program
- Be a concerned citizen and let us know if you notice something out of the ordinary.
- Think of us when you are cleaning out those attics, garages, playrooms, and basements. (Many thanks to the individuals who did this in 2014; your donations helped make many of our programs possible)
- Donate some time to help build something

These are just a few ways in which individuals can become a part of our Parks & Recreation program. The more people that get involved, the more the Ashland

Community can grow. Help us bring even more diverse program to the Ashland community. Help us grow to meet the needs of our great community. Many thanks to everyone whom helped make the 2014-year possible. Let us all make 2015 an even better year.

ASHLAND ELECTRIC COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT - 2014

2014 Saw many changes for the Electric Department. Mel Holland and his inventive ways, retired after a rather short time (approximately 3 years) with us. Joe Vittum also retired at the end of August. Thank you both, you will be sorely missed. Devin Anderson returned from his Deployment in Afghanistan, and in one piece. Thank you! A new Employee, Dale Weeks has been brought on and assisting very well. Thanks also to Linda and Karen for a job well done.

Squam River Landing, off of Leavitt Hill was energized in December after many long and tireless hours of labor pulling wire and making terminations for the Transformers. This will help with the Tax Base, Water/Sewer and Electric Revenues.

8 New accounts have been added, bringing the Department very close to 1600 meters. We are now entering into the fourth year of a six year contract which has allowed us to maintain our rates since 2010. With the volatility of Electric Rates in New Hampshire, we have maintained our standard.

Happy New Year to All.

Water and Sewer Departments 2014 Report

The Water and Sewer Commissioners oversee two separate and distinct operations under the State RSAs and the Department of Revenue Administration guidelines. Each operation must be self-supporting. The Commissioners are working on an updated business plan and CIP plan to accomplish these goals.

The Commissioners have put together our CIP program to cover the next fifteen years needs of 5.8 million dollars of water and sewer projects. Improvements to the Water Department infrastructure are at the top of the list.

SEWER DEPARTMENT

The primary goal for the Sewer Department is to set aside monies for the cleaning of the lagoons and repair/upgrade of the infrastructure. The Commissioners are very aware that the ratepayers will not be able to cover the costs of these projects alone. Monies derived from the Septage Receiving Station, available grants, and bank loans will be used to fund these projects.

We continue to work on our Septage Receiving Station project. Our engineering firm, Woodard & Curran, has submitted plans to NHDES for approval. Design approval was denied in September 2013 by NHDES, with a request for additional information and clarification of site plan and mechanical engineering. During 2014, we gathered this additional information and resubmitted the plan to NHDES. We have retained Woodard & Curran to help us in preparing grant applications to Rural Development Authority (RDA) and NHDES in the hope of obtaining additional funding for the project. We are striving to get final approval of our plans and submission of grant applications this year so that we can bring the project to the ratepayers and legislative body of Ashland for the 2016 budget process.

WATER DEPARTMENT

We received an Asset Management Grant of \$15,000 from NHDES to prepare an inventory of our water system infrastructure (pipes, shutoffs, etc.), to assess the condition of the inventory, to review current rate systems in light of future needs, and to communicate these efforts to our ratepayers and citizenry. We will be working on this project throughout 2015.

Rate increases for water users has been a topic of discussion during 2014. During the budget process, it became clear that to provide safe and reliable services, to maintain and preserve the integrity of the infrastructure system,

and the need for capital improvement projects, rates have to increase. Past rate increases have not kept up with rising costs, infrastructure needs and costs of operations. Because of this, the Commission is instituting a five (5) percent increase in water rates in April 2015 to cover inflationary costs and put monies aside for upcoming CIP projects. Water rates will be reviewed on a yearly basis.

OPERATIONS

Utility Partners continues to go above and beyond what their obligations are to the management and operation of our water and sewer systems. With their expertise and knowledge to guide us, the residents and ratepayers of Ashland will continue to receive the best services and long-term planning we can provide.

Permits for operating both the Water and Sewer Departments are being reviewed and updated.

ASSET MANAGEMENT AND GIS MAPPING

Prior to receiving the Asset Management Grant for the Water Department, it was becoming apparent that NHDES, the EPA, and various grant opportunities were starting to require water and sewer systems to have GIS-based maps of their assets. In anticipation of such requirements, we had already mapped all the hydrants in the Town of Ashland and we are now starting the mapping of our sewer lines. Through the Asset Management Grant, we will expand this mapping to our water system.

The Water and Sewer Commissioners will share their expertise and data with other Town departments, as they also begin creating GIS-based asset management systems for tax maps, roads, etc.

The Commissioners would like to thank all of the Town Departments and personnel for the help and cooperation they have been during the year.

In May, after twenty-eight years, Kay Mudgett retired from the Water and Sewer Departments. Her presence in the Utility Office made everyone's day a little brighter.

Anne Sullivan has joined the Departments as the new clerk in the Utility Office. Her skill sets fit well in the Utility Office environment.

In October, John Hughes resigned from the commission. His talents and viewpoints have been missed.

ASHLAND BUILDING INSPECTION

CODE ENFORCEMENT

In 2014 the building department accepted 105 permit applications. The following permits were issued along with a comparison to last year 2013.

107 permit applications were accepted this year. This number compares with the following years 123 permits in 2012 and 148 in 2011. The permit application types break down to the following:

<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
45 Building Permits	45 Building permits
22 Electrical Permits	21 Electric Permits
16 Plumbing Permits	19 Plumbing Permits
16 Heat Permits	16 Heating Permits
3 Driveway Permits	3 Driveway Permits
3 Sign Permits	2 Sign Permits

Building permit applications can be obtained at the Town Office. My office hours are from 10 AM to 12PM Monday, Wednesday and Friday and by appointment. I am there to process your applications, answer your questions about building/zoning codes, and the building process. Site visits and inspections are scheduled by appointments.

Also Heating/Appliances, fuel lines and buried fuel tanks need to be inspected by a Fire Department Inspector. Commercial, industrial, retail and residential buildings of over two units also come under the Life/Safety Code and will need Fire Department Inspections.

Please call my office, 968-4432, if you have any questions or need clarifications. The property owner has the responsibility for arranging or overseeing inspections. The Owner usually uses the contractor to schedule inspections. However that is up to the property owner.

Ashland's adopted International Building Codes and general purpose is to establish the MINIMUM requirements to safeguard the public health, safety, and general welfare through structural strength, means of egress facilities, stability sanitation, adequate light and ventilation, energy conservation, and safety to life and property from fire and other hazards attributed to the building environment and provide safety to fire fighters and emergency responders during emergency operations.

Our goals are to provide Ashland with safe and quality buildings for the homeowner, the landlord/tenant and the businesses in Ashland. To provide positive, swift and efficient services. I welcome any suggestions to achieve this goal.

Respectfully submitted,

**James VanValkenburgh
Code Enforcement**

ASHLAND JULY 4 REPORT

Submitted by Katie Maher and Kathy Jaquith

The 2014 Ashland Fourth of July celebrations had a few challenges but lived up to its 54 year tradition with patriotic displays and enthusiastic participants. The Parade on Friday, July 4th had a steady rain but it didn't keep the marchers or the spectators away. The 2014 Parade Marshall was Clint Gray. Fireworks on Saturday, July 5th were threatened by high winds which cancelled other area displays and brought one of the largest crowds ever to Ashland. The display was missing some shells which resulted in a shorter display than prior years so we will be making up for it in our 2015 display.

Fundraising in 2014 brought in \$21,800 and expenses totaled \$20,700 leaving a \$22,000 fund for the 2015 display. Money raised through t-shirt and button sales, canisters, field collections, parking, the 50/50 raffle, Midway Vendor fees and the Common Man Pancake Breakfast on July 4th and BBQ on July 5th represented 65% of the funds raised while the program advertising and banner sales provided 35% of the funds raised. The Pancake Breakfast and T-shirt sales were especially low due to the rain at half their level in prior years. Expenses included the fireworks at \$13,000, printing \$2,500, food \$1,500, entertainment \$1,700, and services \$2,000. The 2015 fireworks are budgeted at \$13,500.

The 2015 Parade is scheduled for Saturday, July 4th at 10:00 AM and Fireworks on Friday, July 3rd at dusk (rain date Sunday, July 5th).

The Ashland Fourth of July Committee (A4JC) continues to operate as a sub-Committee of the Ashland Area Recreation Association (AARA), a NH 501c3 not-for-profit corporation. The Town of Ashland sponsors all Fourth of July events executing all legal agreements & payments, engaging volunteers and overseeing all rules of conduct and safety. The Fourth of July Committee handles all fundraising & publicity.

The 2014 Ashland Fourth of July Committee included Katie Maher, Co-Chair; Amanda Loud, Secretary; Kathy Jaquith, Treasurer; Bob Baker; Glenn Dion; Caroline Gosse; Patty Heinz; Cathy Landroche; Jerome Landroche; Jane Sawyer; Jason Lyon, COO Common Man; Jamie Saxe, Manager, Ashland Common Man; Paul Branscombe, Ashland Town Administrator; Steve Heath, Ashland Fire Chief; and Tony Randall, Ashland Police Chief.

Once again, the Committee offers special thanks to the Gosse family who manage button sales, donations and 50/50 raffle ticket sales on the field during the fireworks. Thanks are also offered to Kendall Hughes & Steve Jaquith who assist in organizing the parade participants. The Common Man Team has supported these celebrations since the 1970s and raise money, recruit volunteers and provide food and entertainment for our spectators. Most importantly, many thanks to the sponsors, donors, advertisers and participants who financially support this memorable annual event in Ashland NH.

Ashland 4th of July Committee
Financial Report
December 31, 2014

Balance on hand, January 1, 2014	\$21,330.78
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Income

Donations	\$116.62
Field Collection	\$682.00
50/50 Raffle	\$2,102.00
Canister Donations	\$1,737.00
Button Sales	\$892.00
Tee Shirt Sales	\$1,052.00
Tote Bags	\$151.00
Pancake Breakfast	\$1,718.00
BBQ & Food Booth	\$1,809.00
Vendors	\$3,100.00
Parking (AARA)	\$700.00
Ads / Banners	\$7,650.00
Memory of Mary Ruell	\$50.00
Postage	\$23.38

Total Income	+\$21,783.00
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Expenditures

Fireworks	\$13,000.00
Parade / Entertainment / Toilets	\$3,065.00
Ribbons	\$171.78
Buttons / Tee Shirt Artwork	\$453.50
Tee Shirts	\$927.00
Sponsorship Letter	\$225.40
Ad Booklets	\$688.00
Banners	\$232.00
Badges	\$20.00
Food Costs	\$1,500.00
Postage / Box Rent	\$155.80
Mary Ruell Award Plaque	\$238.30
Cable Ties for Banners	\$7.98
Water for parade participants	\$17.94

Total Expenditures	-\$20,702.70
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Balance on hand, December 31, 2014

ASHLAND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM COMMITTEE (CIP COMMITTEE)

Submitted by Chairman/David Toth on behalf of members:

Vice Chair/Select Board Liaison/Steve Felton
Secretary/Susan MacLeod,
Board Members/ Kendall B. Hughes, Ingrid Heidenreich
Select Board alternate/Jeanette Stewart

The CIP Committee completed the second full year of operation. The purpose of the committee is to work with the town departments, the utilities, and the school to identify and recommend capital project needs and funding strategies for the next 10 years. The committee's focus this year was to develop and recommend the most cost-effective approach to funding needed capital improvements given the town's current financial position. The committee recommended the following general strategies:

- Fund capital expenses in the short-term using leases, loans, or bonds to meet immediate needs
- Begin to accumulate capital reserves over time for long-term expenses to reduce long-term costs and lower debt
- Transition from leases, loans, and bonds by distributing costs evenly over time to help stabilize the tax rate

The committee applied this strategy to meet the needs of different departments. The results were published in The Capital Improvement Plan 2015, which is available on the town website, and were presented to the Board of Selectmen, the Budget Committee, and the Town at a meeting on October 6, 2014. The CIP Committee also participated in developing the Financial Forum presentation along with members of the Board of Selectmen, the Budget Committee, the Economic Development Committee, the Land Use Boards, and volunteers.

Ashland Town Library Annual Report for 2014

Ashland Town Library “by the numbers” for 2014:

- **Patron visits: 10,338 (10,323 in 2013)**
- **Programs offered: 76, attended by 801 people**
- **Items circulated: 14,630 (15,506 in 2013)**
- **Computer users: 1,307**
- **Home visits: 15**

The Ashland Town Library continued to explore plans for expansion while providing excellent service to the town in 2014.

The warrant article for purchase and renovation of the old school was defeated in the March election. The trustees have continued to explore other options, including grants and fundraising. They met with officials from local banks, grant funding organizations, town financial committees, and TCCAP officials. A fundraising concert was held in July, featuring local musician Art Harriman. The library website can now accept donations for a building fund via PayPal.

The trustee board regretfully accepted the resignation of trustee Lynn Davis and thanked her for her years of service. The board was pleased to welcome Mardean Badger as a new library trustee. Library aide Adam Di Filippo also resigned to take the position of library director at the Campton Public Library. Sophie Sanborn and Kayley Fouts were hired as part time library aides.

The library applied for and was awarded a CLiF grant from the Children’s Literacy Foundation. The award of \$2,000 was used to purchase 150 books to be split between the public library and the school library, and funding for a storyteller. This award was also shared with 2 local childcare providers.

Ashland Town Library now has 3 Kindles available for checkout, one specifically for children, which was donated by the Friends of the Ashland Town Library.

Programs included:

- Reading with Willow, a program from Therapy Dogs International that encourages children to read by providing a non-judgmental listener. Willow visited 22 times this year.
- Pre-school story times (12)
- Adult Book Discussion Groups (10)
- Young Adult Book Discussion Groups (8)

Parks and Recreation visited the library 8 times during 2014, and the library also hosted community events such as trick or treating for the Halloween Parade, and photos with Santa Claus during Christmas Night in Ashland. This year, 200 photographs were taken with Santa!

As activities at the library continue to grow in popularity, and as patronage increases, the space concerns are growing. Many children’s programs have been so popular that they must be split into 2 separate programs to accommodate all of the children. The trustees have submitted a petitioned warrant article for the 2015 election to create a capital reserve fund for the future move or renovation/expansion of the library to meet the needs of the community. The warrant article requests \$25,000 as the appropriation for 2015.

The Friends of the Library raised funds with their annual book sale during the Town Wide Yard Sale, and donated many dvds, books, and sponsored programs. They also sponsor passes for The Currier Museum and fund the library's subscription to the Heritage Quest online genealogy database. The library trustees are very grateful for the hard work of this group! If you would like to join the Friends of the Ashland Town Library, please contact the library for more information.

The library benefitted from a HEAL grant in having a bike rack placed by the back entrance. Thanks to the HEAL committee, Joe Mazzone and the Scribner Trustees.

Many thanks to the Scribner Memorial Trustees for their work on the library building and grounds. Thanks also to Meredith Village Savings Bank for their sponsorship of passes for the Squam Lakes Science Center and the Book of the Month club, that actually donates 2 books every month to the library.

The Board of Trustees of Ashland Town Library would like to especially thank the very hard-working library staff, Sara Weinberg, Terry Fouts, Lisa Rollins, Adam Di Filippo, Sophie Sanborn, and Kayley Fouts, and also the many volunteers that donated a total of 74 hours to the library this year. All of the above mentioned accomplishments are due to their commitment to bring the best possible service and information resources to the citizens of Ashland.

ASHLAND TOWN LIBRARY
2014 FINANCIAL REPORT

SPECIAL BANK ACCOUNTS

DONATIONS

Balance, Dec. 31, 2013	\$6,393.51
Donations deposited	2,904.48
Interest	6.51
Transfers to General Fund	(1,749.48)
Balance, Dec. 31, 2014	\$7,555.02

COMPUTER FUND

Balance, Dec. 31, 2013	\$1,540.77
Deposit from Appropriation	1,750.00
Restitution for stolen computers	47.83
Interest	1.69
Balance, Dec. 31, 2014	\$3,340.29

PATRON FEES

Balance, Dec. 31, 2013	\$967.53
Patron fees deposited	554.00
Interest	1.02
Transfer to General Fund	(352.96)
Balance, Dec. 31, 2014	\$1,169.59

COPIER FEES

Balance, Dec. 31, 2013	\$283.81
Copier fees deposited	585.81
Interest	.34
Transfers to General Fund	(382.92)
Balance, Dec. 31, 2014	\$487.04

LOST BOOK FUND

Balance, Dec. 31, 2013	\$561.85
Deposits for lost materials	191.36
Interest	.67
Transfer to Donations	(14.95)
Balance, Dec. 31, 2014	\$738.93

LIBRARY BUILDING FUND

Established July 6, 2014	
Donations	\$549.80
Deposit from Appropriation	1,000.00
Balance, Dec. 31, 2014	\$1,549.80

GENERAL FUND

Balance, start of fiscal year	\$3,343.31
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INCOME

Town Appropriation	\$59,605.00
Transfer from Donations	1,749.48
Transfer from Copy Fees	382.92
Transfer from Patron Fees	352.96
Gift, Friends of the Town Library	100.00
Overdue fees	45.00
Refunds	24.65
Sale of Book	10.00
Interest	.58

Total Income	\$62,270.59
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Total Available Funds	\$65,613.90
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EXPENDITURES

Wages	\$36,290.05
FICA	2,249.92
Medicare	526.06
Audios	1,183.20
Books	6,773.05
Subscriptions	424.83
Videos	1,072.94
Downloadable Books	400.00
Equipment	449.49
Public Access Computer Fund	1,750.00
Software	79.99
Tech Support and Web Catalog	1,479.64
Cleaning	2,544.00
Code Compliance	80.67
Dues	170.00
Education	20.00
Mileage	71.63
Misc.	171.00
Postage and PO Box rental	482.11
Appraisal of Old School	1,000.00
Programs	1,108.45
Supplies	2,285.49
Utilities, Telephone, and Website	1,532.77
Transfer to Building Fund	1,000.00

Total Expenditures	\$63,145.29
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Balance, end of fiscal year	\$2,468.61
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Health Officer

The goal of Ashland's Health Officer is to support New Hampshire's overall public health goal of maintaining and improving the health and well-being of all residents. As such, the Health Officer is responsible for three crucial functions.

- 1) To enforce applicable New Hampshire laws and regulations as well as local ordinances and regulations.
- 2) To serve as a liaison between state officials, local elected officials, and our community on issues concerning local environmental and public health.
- 3) To be a leader and active participant in efforts to develop regional environmental and public health capacities.

In Ashland, the Health Officer also serves as a permanent member to the Housing Standards Board, engaging in dialogue with the Fire Chief and three other community members who collectively seek to improve the health and well being of Ashland residents, specifically concerning rental units to ensure that they meet state standards. In addition, the Health Officer is a member of the newly formed Land Use Advisory Board along with heads of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Planning Board, the Fire Chief, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer and as needed, the Assessor. This committee meets monthly to discuss ongoing issues related to land use such as timely interdepartmental communications, town and state ordinances and enforcement.

During 2014, the Health Officer responded to numerous calls from residents. Resident concerns included lack of heat, air quality, excess refuse, and mold. When appropriate, meetings were held with the Ashland Police Department, Fire Chief, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer to discuss noted life safety and code violations.

Training in 2014 included a Healthy Homes seminar covering topics such as lead and other toxic substance contamination and abatement, air quality, pest infestation and hoarding. The Ashland Health Officer is also a member of Central New Hampshire CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team) and MRC (Medical Reserve Core). Involvement in that organization involves periodic training, e.g., CPR, participation in school flu clinics and POD (Point of Distribution) exercises as training for health or environmental emergency preparedness.

During 2015, in addition to responding to citizen health concerns, a primary goal will be to expand the critical work with the Ashland Housing Standards and the Land Use Advisory Boards. Among issues to be discussed is review of existing land use ordinances to ensure that they are up to date, relevant, complete and appropriate. In addition, it will remain important to continue to seek out state training opportunities and to stay abreast of local, state and national health concerns.

Fran Newton
Ashland Health Officer

ASHLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY- 2014

Submitted by David Ruell, President

2014 was a good year for the Ashland Historical Society, which made progress on several fronts.

As always, the maintenance and operation of our three museums was a major focus. The Ashland Railroad Station Museum received much attention this year. The exterior was repainted for the first time since its restoration 15 years ago, and now looks better than it has in some years. Security was improved with the upgrading of motion detectors, the replacement of an emergency light, and the installation of plexiglass on the backs of two display cases. The restroom faucets and basement dehumidifier were replaced. A few items were added to the collection, notably a jack for moving freight cars. The Station hosted eleven fall foliage train rides, N.H. Railroad Days, and the 150th Anniversary Committee's Kickoff Event.

The Pauline E. Glidden Toy Museum sponsored its two annual events, the Young Ladies Tea and Appraisal Day. The summer exhibit featured seldom seen items from the Toy Museum collection.

The Whipple House Museum saw little change. Our tenant installed a washer and dryer in the apartment at his own expense. The summer exhibit was the sixteen art works by a dozen artists depicting Ashland scenes bequeathed to the Society by Mary Ruell.

A new committee has devoted a lot of time and effort to the restoration of the historic but neglected Rueben Whitten House. Architectural historian James Garvin prepared a report on the building. Committee members have been working on a restoration budget, a website, a nomination to the State Register of Historic Places, publicity, grant applications and a future public fundraising campaign. Already the project has received a \$3000 donation from a committee member and a \$5000 pledge from the MVSF Foundation. Volunteers have cleaned up in and around the building. The sagging floor was jacked up and supported by new posts. The upcoming 200th anniversary of The Year Without A Summer in 2016 should provide a good opportunity to celebrate Rueben Whitten and to raise funds for the restoration of his house.

The Archives collection continued to grow, most notably in the holdings of Ashland news items. We added folders of items from all local newspapers for three more years to a general collection that now covers over 90 years, from 1848 through 1939. Ashland news items from the Plymouth paper from 1967 through 1985 have been copied and indexed by topic. And we have begun the process of indexing by topic the scrapbooks of Ashland news items kept by the Society since 1985.

The Society's outside exhibits are enlarged copies of historic photographs. Four exhibits at the Utility Office featured the Railroad Station, views of Little Squam Lake, views of the upper Squam River, and early automobiles in Ashland. Transportation in Ashland was the topic of the Christmas Night exhibit at the Baptist Church.

The Society sponsored five free public programs. Brad Wolff spoke on the history of the U.S.S. Constitution. At a joint program with the 150th Anniversary Committee, David Ruell gave the history of the Ashland Centennial and 125th Anniversary celebrations, followed by Bob Baker speaking on plans for the 150th Anniversary. Three N.H. Humanities Council programs included talks on New Hampshire's one room schools and on Native Americans in the state in the 18th and 19th centuries, and a rousing performance of Civil War folk songs. Another event of note was the presentation of the Boston Post Cane to Gwen Newton in August.

Besides specific appeals for the Railroad Station painting project and the Whitten House restoration project, our fundraising included membership and business sponsor drives and appeals, donations and sales at the museums, rentals at the Town Wide Yard Sale, a doll raffle, the rent of the Whipple House apartment, and a donation from the local tourist railroad. A new sales item this year was a replica of the Glidden Ski Area patch donated by a former resident.

We have been helping the 150th Anniversary Committee which is planning the 2018 celebration of the sesquicentennial of Ashland's incorporation as a town. The Society agreed to serve as the fiscal agent for the Committee, so donors to the celebration can take advantage of the Society's tax exempt status. A separate bank account for the Committee has been set up under our auspices. (Our treasurer also serves at the Committee's treasurer.) The Society provided the site for the 150th Anniversary Committee's Kick Off

Event and held a joint program with the Committee in the fall. We will continue to assist the 150th Anniversary Committee as it prepares for this major event to celebrate the history of our town.

Looking forward to the 150th Anniversary, the Society created a Publications Study Committee to consider possible books on Ashland history. The Committee looked at both a pictorial history of Ashland, using old photographs, and an update of the history published for the Centennial in 1968, and concluded that both books were economically feasible, particularly if ads were sold to subsidize them. The Society will work further on these possible publications.

The Society's Board met twice with the Planning Board to consider a proposal in the Master Plan to establish a Heritage Commission, a town committee to preserve and promote our historical resources. The Board decided to support the Heritage Commission and hopes that the voters will approve its creation at the 2015 annual town meeting and election.

In closing, we must thank all who have given their time, money, treasures and effort to the Society's museums, exhibits, programs and projects during 2014. The Society could not function without the generous support of many individuals and businesses.

HOUSING STANDARDS BOARD

2014 IN REVIEW

The Housing Standards Board consists of five members: the Fire Chief Steve Heath, the Health Officer Fran Newton, plus three members (Katie Maher, Kendall B. Hughes, and Eli Badger) appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

The Board's primary role is to receive and act upon complaints when a dwelling is deemed to be "unfit for human habitation" by the Health Officer, the Fire Chief or ten (10) citizens of the Town of Ashland.

The HSB wishes to remind property owners of rental houses or apartments that they must be in compliance with RSA 48-A:14 and Life Safety 101NFPTA1. For more information about the Life Safety requirements, please contact Chief Heath at (603) 968-7772.

The rental unit inspections by the Fire Chief and his Inspectors have been ongoing throughout this last year.

The Board has discussed several cases with the Health Officer and the Fire Chief.

The Board meets the second Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the Fire Station Conference Room.

For a complete list of the minimum standards, please refer to our Town Website (www.ashland.nh.gov).

ASHLAND PLANNING BOARD

Regular Members: Elisabeth Cody (resigned Nov. 2014), Cheryl Cox, Susan MacLeod,
Gordon McCormack Jr., and Frances Newton *ex officio* Selectman
Alternate members: Miriam Brown and *ex officio* Phil Preston

January 2014 began with a Site Plan Review for the former Ash Hardware building that now houses two businesses – Dragonfly Gifts & Collectables, and Lisa's Personal Training which relocated there from South Main Street in March. A lot line adjustment was approved for the Squam River Landing project and a bond agreement done to cover the finishing phases of the roadwork on Leavitt Hill Road. In February, the Board started the Public Hearing process for Northway Bank, which first met with the Planning Board in October 2103 for a pre-application consultation regarding a subdivision and site plan for a Dollar General store on the newly created lot. It continued through two meetings in March allowing full participation by abutters, concluding with an approval with conditions being granted. The project manager for Dollar General continued to communicate with the abutter to assure the conditions that she was most involved in were met. In April there was a voluntary merger recorded, and a consultation with a party interested in a property on Rte. 175 who was advised a special exception from the ZBA would be required for the proposed use [ZBA granted in May]. A working group for land use issues was convened by the Town Administrator in May to establish lines of communication and start work on reviewing all the ordinances and regulations for consistency and applicability. The group generally meets on a monthly basis to follow through on homework and one project that emerged was refining the definition of "junkyard" in the *Zoning Ordinance* as well as making "nuisance" referenced in the *Site Plan Review Regulations* and *Zoning Ordinance* consistent. The Planning Board drafted proposed wording and a Public Hearing was scheduled for January 7, 2015. In July, a Site Plan for a nanobrewery, White Mountain Brewing Company on Winter Street was approved. In August, two change of use Site Plan reviews were approved: one for a Freudenberg NOK outbuilding, and one for Ashland Industrial Services on Mechanic Street. That brought a total of five new businesses to Ashland.

As the Master Plan was finalized with the *Implementation* chapter, the Board followed up on several of the recommendations. First, to support the formation of an Economic Development Committee, a subcommittee did research and presented a draft proposal to the Board of Selectmen in April. When the BOS established the committee, the Planning Board elected Cheryl Cox to be the *ex officio*. In conjunction with the Ashland Historical Society (AHS), two work sessions were devoted to exploring the formation of a heritage commission. AHS president David Ruell invited Cristina Ashjian of the Moultonborough Heritage Commission to our July 30th meeting at the Fire Station to answer questions and provide information on how a commission functions. The Board then worked on the proposed warrant article for a heritage commission as approved by the AHS.

To address the recommendation of making the process for site plan reviews and subdivisions more "user friendly", throughout the year the Board members worked on revising the applications, fee structure and informational flowcharts. The Planning Board now also has an official email address: landusepb@ashland.nh.gov. Another vital need for the process to be efficient, consistent and timely is a land use administrator. This is not a newly created position – it has been done in years past by someone in the town office. Circumstances have changed but the necessary work dictated by RSA's has not. The chairmen of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment have met with the Town Administrator and Financial Officer on several occasions since October 2013 to formulate a job description and explore options for covering the required tasks and expense. This October, a NH Municipal Association workshop on running land use boards further confirmed the necessity of this position, underscored by stories of towns' costly legal woes [ours included] brought on by procedural mis-steps.

In addition, the *Subdivision Regulations* needed to be amended to have the definition of "wetlands" conform to the wording the State requires. A Public Hearing was held in November that included the revised applications and all the amended documents are available online and at the Town Office.

Board members attended conferences in January and September, and workshops in May, October and November (self-funded). In November, Cheryl Cox was appointed Ashland commissioner to the Lakes Region Planning Commission, a position important for Ashland's participation regionally.

In accordance with the *Site Plan Review Regulations*, any proposed new business (by a landowner or tenant), expansion or change of use of a non-residential building is required to come before the Planning Board for review. It is recommended to come for a (no cost) pre-application consultation where any requirements and waivers would be outlined. Home Occupations can be submitted in writing for review. Information and all forms are available on the Town website and available at the Town Office.

In 2015, the Board will continue to work on fulfilling its role of guiding the growth of the Town following the Master Plan as approved by the residents of Ashland and with their active participation.

ZBA YEAR IN REVIEW: 2014

The ZBA consists of seven members all appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Of those seven, five are regular members and two are alternate members. Don Latulippe resigned from the ZBA. Currently, there are four full members, Eli Badger, Susan McLeod (Planning Board Liaison), Michelle Fistek and Elaine Allard with Patsy Tucker being the only Alternate member. The Board is in need of one full member and one additional alternate member.

The Board heard cases involving the following:

1. Variance and Special Exception for Donald Lester, DVM -- Granted
2. Administrative Appeals from D. Scott Bell and Frank McBournie -- Denied
3. Variance request by Paul and Susan Hicks of 241 River Street for setback requirements -- Granted
4. Special Exception for Judith Holt of 717 NH Route 175 for a change of use. -- Granted

Decisions made by the ZBA in matters relative to the Doctor Lester and the Bell and McBournie cases led to a superior court ruling on August 22, 2014 that the Board should rehear the Doctor Lester Variance and Special Exception case. The Board is in the process of scheduling a hearing.

Currently, the Board meets when needed.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

Renee Liebert, Chairman

The Conservation Commission started the year with a \$1,000 budget - \$245.00 was paid as dues to NH Association of Conservation Commission \$250.00 was paid as dues to the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee, and \$150.00 was used to purchase composters and rain barrels for our annual sale. The remaining \$355.00 was transferred into the Conservation Fund.

The Conservation Fund has a balance of \$5408.09. This includes \$164.00 obtained through composter/rain barrel sales, as well as a generous \$100 donation from a Town resident.

This year, the Ashland Conservation Commission continued to work on the Natural Resource Inventory. If you are interested in the natural resources of the town, please see information on the Conservation Commission's section of the Town of Ashland website.

The Conservation Commission, specifically member Dan Stack, has been active in the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee, which includes water quality monitoring of the Pemigewasset River. For more information about the group, please visit http://www.lakesrpc.org/pemi_overview.asp.

The Conservation Commission has welcomed Harold Lamos and Kathleen DeWolfe to the Commission. We are always looking for people to assist the commission as alternates or to volunteers. If interested, please contact us.

Our meetings are the second Wednesday of the month. The meetings begin at 6:30PM and are at the town hall. All are welcome. Thank you for supporting the natural resources of Ashland.

The Ashland Conservation Commission can be reached by calling Chair Renee Liebert at 968-3683 or emailing us at ashlandconcom@gmail.com.

Ashland Memorial Park 2014 Annual Report

Another year has come and gone and we have faced some challenges and we hope to report the park is benefiting from those changes. The regular maintenance continues to be are largest expense, raking, mulching and care of the shrubs. We are pleased with Department of Public Works job of mowing and trimming and other things they have helped with from time to time.

We would also like to take this time to thank the Garden Club for once again providing the park with colorful flowers. We would also like to thank the Electric Department for removal of the old Christmas tree as it was growing into the power lines and had been going downhill for some time. We also spent time cutting down the Bamboo and brush along the riverwalk. We also removed three of the largest shrubs because they had grown too large to maintain and were taking up a lot of space.

The biggest project for the year which involved many volunteers was the planting of the 20' Fraser tree replacing the old tree. We would like to thank the Shin Boku and Baker Valley Nurseries for donating the tree, the Town and Electric Departments, Mark Liebert from Tree Solutions for their assistance and any others I may have missed. We were very pleased with the park decorations for the first lighting of the new tree for the Christmas Night in Ashland, we need to thank the Ashland Fire Department and Ashland Area Recreation Association for purchasing new led lights, Mark Leibert for getting the lift to do the lights, Sherry Downing for heading up the many volunteers for decorating the Town and most of all for the Community Council for making this event possible.

I would be the first to admit we have a good number of extraordinary people in our little community that show a lot of pride and spirit when there is a need to get things done, but always remember many hands make the load lighter.

On a sadder note as of this writing I got news of one of the most community minded people who worked with so many projects and volunteers over the years has passed away, at 99 years young Marion Merrill will be remembered by many for her efforts to make Ashland a better place to live.

Once again we thank you one and all for supporting the Memorial Park and if you would like to support, us donations can be sent to Memorial Park, P. O. Box 320, Ashland N.H. 03217

The Ashland Memorial Park Trustees
Stephen Jaquith Phil Preston Liz Stevens

Ashland Memorial Park
2014 Financial Statement
Kathryn E Jaquith, Treasurer

Balance on hand – Jan. 1, 2014		\$3,917.53
Income: Donation	\$35.00	
Community Council – Town Wide Yardsale	\$90.00	
Interest for 2014	\$.36	
Total Income		+\$125.36
		\$4042.89
Expenditures: Post Office – Box Rent	\$48.00	
Ali-Di Properties – Maintenance	\$575.00	
Steve Jaquith – Lamppost light bulb	\$19.37	
Total Expenditures		-\$642.37
Balance on hand – Dec. 31, 2014		\$3400.52

Report of the Ashland NH 150th Anniversary Committee (aka Ashland NH Sesquicentennial Committee).

The initial officers of the Committee were: Kendall Hughes, Chair; Bob Baker, Vice Chair; Jane Sawyer, Recording Secretary; Katie Maher, Finance and Susan MacLeod, Corresponding Secretary. The Board of the Ashland Historical Society has agreed to assist the Committee including maintaining a separate account for donations and expenses. We have received a number of donations and after this year's expenses, currently have a balance of approximately \$480. Bob and Jane made a float on behalf of the Committee for the 4th of July parade, despite the wet weather! Our kickoff event was held at the Ashland Railroad Station Museum in September. While attendance was limited, set up was great, food amazing and overflowing and attendance by two descendants of Reuben Whitten was thrilling, especially the stories and items they were willing to share! Town representation was very good including all members of the Board of Select and Paul Branscombe. In October, Bob made a presentation about the 150th as part of the Ashland Historical Society's program about the 100th and 125th. In November, the Board of Selectmen granted permission to the Committee to pursue commemorative license plates through the State of New Hampshire. Susan and Katie did a presentation at the Ashland Women's Club November meeting and received a donation. Our initial plans are to begin in 2016 with events celebrating the settlement of the area by Native Americans through 1816, the "Year without a Summer" and ending with the split from Holderness in 1868; 2017 with events encompassing the years 1868 through 1968; and 2018 with events portraying the era from 1968 through the 150th celebration on July 28, 2018. A peace accord with Holderness is being planned for that Fall. We are looking at the 100th and 125th celebrations for guidance. Our mission statement is to promote the recognition and celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Town of Ashland. Our slogan/motto will be: 1868 to 2018 - Celebrating 150 Years of History. Meetings in 2015 will be the fourth Thursday of January, March, May and September at the Ashland Fire Station, unless otherwise posted. Officers elected for 2015 are Jane Sawyer, Chair; Katie Maher, Vice Chair; Bob Baker, Finance; and Susan MacLeod, Secretary. All are welcome to attend our meetings and join our email list!

Jane Sawyer, Chair

ASHLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Steering Committee: Susan MacLeod, Chair, Cheryl Cox, *Ex Officio* Planning Board, Steve Felton *Ex Officio* Selectman, Jill White, Benoit Lamontagne

Ad Hoc Committee: Rick Ash, Businessman, Alan Cilley, Water & Sewer Commissioner; Lee Nichols, Electric Department Director; Scott Stephens, Plymouth Regional Chamber of Commerce

In January 2014, the Planning Board completed the Master Plan with the *Implementation* chapter. Out of this process, a clear need for an entity to focus on economic development emerged. To recommend the formation of a committee, a Planning Board subcommittee presented a detailed draft of suggested guidelines for how it might operate to the Board of Selectmen. In April, the Selectmen voted to establish the Ashland Economic Development Committee (AEDC). On June 26th, the committee held its first meeting and started on the necessary foundational work. Members did outreach to local businesses through informal, one-on-one interviews and used the feedback in a “SWOT” (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) exercise to put the realities and perceptions of the town in context. Members also identified that the downtown, the mill area, the Industrial Zone, and the small home-based businesses each has its unique needs to address and advocate for, and specific projects both short-term and long-term to support their retention and expansion will be formulated. Committee members have participated in workshops and meetings with Lakes Regional Planning Commission, North Country Council, the Economic Development Agency, NH Listens, Grafton County Economic Development Council, and the Director of the Enterprise Center, and have continued discussions with businesspeople to build both a network and a knowledge base. Cheryl Cox started work on a Facebook page and a *Destination Ashland* website for greater outreach. Members also assisted with two grant applications for the Town. In September, Jeanie Forrester did a walking tour of the mill area and her office followed up with resources for pursuing revitalization options. Scott Stephens connected us with the PSU Center for Rural Partnerships that has provided us with the demographic data from their survey on the types of businesses that are successful in rural areas. This information is vital for marketing purposes and a key component in grant applications. In October, the committee discussed the Water & Sewer Department’s GIS mapping project with Commissioner Badger, and then arranged for its November meeting to have Michelle Therrien Roberts do a presentation on the mapping process and its townwide applications. In December, the committee welcomed Benoit “Beno” Lamontagne both as a new resident in town and as our newest member. His experience and contacts from his work in the Department of Recreation and Economic Development (DRED), North Country Council, and Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) will be a valuable asset for our work. The December 18 meeting’s guest was the inspiring Michael Capone, Bristol Town Administrator who answered questions about the revitalization of his town in recent years. AEDC will be represented at the Financial Forum in January 2015 to speak on how development can positively impact the tax rate. In addition, the committee is working on a “Business After Hours” event for next year to continue building a working relationship with the Ashland business community.

Thanks go to several citizens who have attended meetings and contributed: Eli Badger, Jae Demers, Tara Leonard, Katie Maher, Fran Newton, and all the business people who have been willing to share their thoughts and have offered to help on projects as they arise. Anyone interested in participating is welcome to attend a meeting or contact a member to become involved in this exciting and challenging effort.

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VITAL STATISTICS

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RESIDENT DEATH REPORT

01/01/2014 - 12/31/2014

--ASHLAND, NH --

Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to First Marriage/Civil Union	Military
HAAS, LIAM	01/21/2014	PLYMOUTH	HAAS, TAYLOR	POWERS, KAYLA	N
NOACK SR, TERRENCE	02/09/2014	MANCHESTER	NOACK, FREDERICK	FARWELL, VELMA	Y
SIMKO, LINDA	02/20/2014	ASHLAND	SIMKO, MICHAEL	SZOSTEK, MARY	N
SAPIER, SANDRA	03/11/2014	NEW HAMPTON	HICKEY, CEDRIC	HEATH, LENA	N
PAGE, MILDRED	03/23/2014	FRANKLIN	SUFFILL, THOMAS	COTE, ALICE	N
ROLLO, JAMES	03/30/2014	CONCORD	ROLLO, LESTER	WALLACE, GRACE	Y
PERRY SR, ALBERT	04/03/2014	ASHLAND	PERRY, AUSTIN	PAGE, GERMAINE	N
BATES, PHYLLIS	04/28/2014	FRANKLIN	FORBES, JOSEPH	PAINE, LILLIAN	N
MAY JR, RAYMOND	05/16/2014	ASHLAND	MAY SR, RAYMOND	WOODWARD, HELEN	Y
LIBBY SR, RAYMOND	06/03/2014	MANCHESTER	LIBBY, CHARLES	UNKNOWN, IZA	Y
POTTER, KAREN	06/09/2014	ASHLAND	POTTER, DARRELL	QUINT, NATALIE	N
FLETCHER, JOSEPH	06/27/2014	ASHLAND	FLETCHER, JOSEPH	UNKNOWN, RUTH	N
SARGENT, MABEL	07/03/2014	FRANKLIN	HOWE, CHARLES	GUYOTTE, ETHELYNE	N
BERRY, LAWRENCE	07/07/2014	PLYMOUTH	BERRY, PURVIS	LAFOE, IRENE	Y
FARRELL, RICHARD	07/22/2014	ASHLAND	FARRELL, FRANCIS	VALLENCOURT, YVONNE	N
GOOD, YVONNE	07/26/2014	ASHLAND	DURETTE, LORENZO	MARCHAND, JOSEPHINE	N
KING, LORETTA	07/30/2014	LACONIA	APPEL, AXEL	ANDERSON, AUGUSTA	N
MARTIN, LARRY	08/02/2014	ASHLAND	MARTIN, WILLIAM	MARTIN, PATRICIA	N

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RESIDENT DEATH REPORT
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--ASHLAND, NH --

Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to First Marriage/Civil Union	Military
CLAVEAU, RAYMOND	09/04/2014	CONCORD	CLAVEAU, GUSTAVE	PRESCOTT, BLANCHE	Y
COLE SR, JAMES	09/12/2014	ASHLAND	COLE, MARSHALL	OUELLETTE, YVONNE	Y
EDIE, KATHERINE	09/15/2014	MANCHESTER	MURAH, HARRY	KUBICA, JADVIGA	Y
GRINLEY, JACQUELINE	10/15/2014	ASHLAND	QUANDT, ALEXANDER	HUTCHINS, MARY	N
BRACKETT, GEORGE	10/24/2014	FRANKLIN	BRACKETT, LEWIS	BURLEIGH, EDITH	Y
MOULDER, ARTHUR	10/28/2014	ASHLAND	MOULDER, ARTHUR	KNOLHOFF, MURIEL	Y
RAPP JR, HENRY	10/30/2014	ASHLAND	RAPP SR, HENRY	DICKEL, WINIFRED	Y
DAILEY, FRANK	11/19/2014	MANCHESTER	DAILEY, ARTHUR	DUNHAM, LUNA	Y
KINNEY, MICHAEL	12/15/2014	ASHLAND	KINNEY, GLEN	CURRY, DELORES	N

Total number of records 27

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RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT

01/01/2014-12/31/2014

--ASHLAND--

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's/Partner's Name	Mother's Name
RODGERS, JAYCE WAYNE HAROLD	03/02/2014	PLYMOUTH,NH	RODGERS, SHANE	SWORAB, HAILEY
GARRISON, DELANEY IDA	03/27/2014	PLYMOUTH,NH		GARRISON, TRICIA
HANS, RAVEN MARIE	05/26/2014	PLYMOUTH,NH	HANS JR, WILLIAM	HITTLE, SUE
HINKSON-KNOWLTON, HARMONY MAY	05/29/2014	PLYMOUTH,NH	KNOWLTON, NICHOLAS	HINKSON, AMANDA
MIDDLETON, AMARYLLIS SNOW	06/01/2014	PLYMOUTH,NH	MIDDLETON, WILLIAM	FREITAG, ANDRESSA
RALLS, ELIZABETH JOAN	07/17/2014	CONCORD,NH	RALLS, COREY	BERARD, JENNIFER
RAND, HUCK ALAN	07/28/2014	PLYMOUTH,NH	RAND, ROBERT	SOUCY, CAROLYN
JESSEMAN, OLIVE PATRICIA JANE	09/21/2014	PLYMOUTH,NH	JESSEMAN, CASEY	JESSEMAN, REBEKA
KENNEDY, JULIANNA MAY	11/18/2014	PLYMOUTH,NH	KENNEDY, THERON	BIDWELL, SAMANTHA
JESSOME II, CHARLES WILLIAM	11/22/2014	PLYMOUTH,NH	JESSOME, TIMOTHY	PHANEUF, LEXUS
FORMAN JR, DOUGLAS CHARLES	12/12/2014	PLYMOUTH,NH	FORMAN SR, DOUGLAS	FORMAN, PATRICIA
BEAULIEU, ABBIGHAYLE MARIE	12/25/2014	PLYMOUTH,NH		WORMWOOD, TAMI

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RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT

01/01/2014 - 12/31/2014

-- ASHLAND --

Person A's Name and Residence	Person B's Name and Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
RIGSBEE, VALERIE A ASHLAND, NH	DUBREUIL, GARY A ASHLAND, NH	ASHLAND	PLYMOUTH	01/18/2014
MAGUIRE, REBECCA L ASHLAND, NH	CHASE, MICHAEL B ASHLAND, NH	ASHLAND	MEREDITH	05/17/2014
PAQUETTE, DANIELLE R ASHLAND, NH	HORNE, RYAN L ASHLAND, NH	CENTER HARBOR	CENTER HARBOR	06/21/2014
MASON, KAYODE N ASHLAND, NH	BENNETT, MELODY E ASHLAND, NH	PLYMOUTH	PLYMOUTH	08/08/2014
MORRILL, PAIGE T ASHLAND, NH	BUFORD, REBECCA S ASHLAND, NH	ASHLAND	BELMONT	09/13/2014
PATTEN JR, EDGAR M ASHLAND, NH	LACOURSE, KATIE M ASHLAND, NH	HOLDERNESS	ASHLAND	09/20/2014
ANDERSON, DEVIN J ASHLAND, NH	WEST, KAYLA S ASHLAND, NH	ASHLAND	WHITEFIELD	09/29/2014
COLLE, JOSHUA P EAST WATERBORO, ME	BRAGDON, AMANDA M ASHLAND, NH	ASHLAND	ASHLAND	10/10/2014
ALTIERI, JAMES J ASHLAND, NH	MORRIS, MELANIE A ASHLAND, NH	ASHLAND	PLYMOUTH	10/31/2014

Total number of records 9

NOTES

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FINANCIALS



New Hampshire
Department of
Revenue Administration

2014
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Debits					
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
			Year: 2013	Year:	Year:
Property Taxes	3110		\$480,563.92		
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185		\$1,039.77		
Excavation Tax	3187				
Other Taxes	3189				
Property Tax Credit Balance ?					
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance ?					

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2013	Prior Levies	
Property Taxes	3110	\$5,565,503.01			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185	\$1,958.50	\$333.23		
Excavation Tax	3187		\$18.50		
Other Taxes	3189				
- etax fees		\$69.00	\$12.65		
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Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2013	Prior Levies	
Property Taxes	3110	\$8,947.57			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
-					
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>					
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$5,601.72	\$19,404.32		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				

Total Debits		\$5,582,079.80	\$501,372.39		
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Credits				
Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	2013	Prior Levies	
Property Taxes	\$5,215,748.97	\$345,946.50		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes	\$1,958.50	\$333.23		
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$5,601.72	\$19,404.32		
Penalties				
Excavation Tax		\$18.50		
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$134,113.11		
<input type="checkbox"/> letax fees	\$69.00	\$12.65		
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>				
Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	2013	Prior Levies	
Property Taxes	\$1,983.23	\$504.31		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes		\$1,039.77		
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>				
Current Levy Deeded				



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Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	2013	Prior Levies	
Property Taxes	\$356,718.38			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance ?				
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance ?				
Total Credits		\$5,582,079.80	\$501,372.39	



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Summary of Debits				
Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)			
	Year: 2013	Year: 2012	Year: 2011-	
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year	\$114,410.88	\$61,995.18	\$25,933.56	
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$145,224.48			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$2,557.85	\$12,140.31	\$10,330.74	
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>				
Total Debits	\$147,782.33	\$126,551.19	\$72,325.92	
Summary of Credits				
Last Year's Levy	2013	2012	2011-	
Redemptions	\$43,643.96	\$57,032.87	\$41,285.28	
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Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	\$2,557.85	\$12,140.31	\$10,330.74	
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>				
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens		\$0.01		
Liens Deeded to Municipality	\$4,590.22	\$5,174.42	\$4,768.76	
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110	\$96,990.30	\$52,203.58	\$15,941.14	
Total Credits	\$147,782.33	\$126,551.19	\$72,325.92	

Patricia Tucker
January 20, 2015

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

Municipal Services Division
2014 Tax Rate Calculation

David M. Larnach

10/24/14

TOWN/CITY: ASHLAND

Gross Appropriations	6,333,294
Less: Revenues	4,442,170
	0
Add: Overlay (RSA 76:6)	38,073
War Service Credits	28,600

Net Town Appropriation	1,957,797
Special Adjustment	0

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	1,957,797
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TOWN RATE
8.37

SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget:			
Gross Approp. - Revenue	3,160,177	327,837	2,832,340
Regional School Apportionment			1,204,687
Less: Education Grant			(777,555)

Education Tax (from below)	(565,901)
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	2,693,571

LOCAL SCHOOL RATE
11.53

EDUCATION TAX

Equalized Valuation(no utilities) x	\$2.480	
228,185,790		565,901
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		
228,490,817		

STATE SCHOOL RATE
2.48

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	370,712
	0

Approved County Tax Effort	370,712
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COUNTY RATE
1.59

TOTAL RATE
23.97

Total Property Taxes Assessed	5,587,981
Less: War Service Credits	(28,600)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0
Total Property Tax Commitment	5,559,381

PROOF OF RATE

Local Assessed Valuation		Tax Rate	Assessment
Education Tax	(no utilities)	2.48	565,901
All Other Taxes		21.49	5,022,080
			5,587,981

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2014 GENERAL LONG TERM DEBT ACCOUNTS

	DUE DATE		PRINCIPAL YEAR 2014		INTEREST YEAR 2014		PRINCIPAL BALANCE
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS PAYABLE							
\$235,631 - Water System Bond	March	\$	6,041.83	\$	3,372.96	\$	157,080.75
Due Annually @3.99%	Sept	\$	6,041.83	\$	3,251.75		
Payable to Northway		\$	12,083.66	\$	6,624.71		
Final Payment 9/10/2027							
 \$1,188,561 - Water Project	Jan	\$	32,123.26	\$	16,673.02	\$	770,958.35
Interest @ 3.99%	July	\$	32,123.26	\$	16,010.80		
Payable to Northway		\$	64,246.52	\$	32,683.82		
Final Payment 7/16/2026							
 \$944,000 - River St Improvement R1 /R2	Jun	\$	44,000.00	\$	18,965.00	\$	893,000.00
Interest @ 2.753%	Aug	\$	-	\$	18,965.00		
Payable to NH MBB - Peoples United Bank		\$	44,000.00	\$	37,930.00		
Final payment 8/15/2029							
 Sub Total long Term Debt		\$	120,330.18	\$	77,238.53	\$	1,821,039.10
 UNAMORTIZED BOND PREMIUM: CAPITAL LEASE							
\$438,699 - Fire Department Ladder Truck	July	\$	57,677.92	\$	5,037.80	\$	-
All American Investment							
Final Payment 7/1/2014							
 \$132,096.00 - Public Works Loader Lease\Purchase	April	\$	25,525.87	\$	2,662.47	\$	80,689.88
Interest @ 3.30%							
Payable to John Deere Financial							
Final Payment 4/10/2017							
 \$24,955.13 - Fire Dept Defibrillator Lease Purchase		\$	2,869.51	\$	78.96	\$	-
Interest @ 6.9%							
 \$36,230.85 - Police Dept Vehicles	Mar	\$	5,936.94	\$	332.50	\$	-
Interest @ 5.60%	Jun	\$	6,803.66	\$	381.05	\$	-
Payable to Ford Motor Credit CO		\$	12,740.60	\$	713.55	\$	-
 Sub Total Capital Lease		\$	98,813.90	\$	8,492.78	\$	80,689.88
 Total Long Term Debt		\$	219,144.08	\$	85,731.31	\$	1,901,728.98

Comparative Statement of Appropriations / Expenditures

APPROPRIATION TITLE	TOTAL APPROPRIATION 2014	TOTAL EXPENDED 2014	TOTAL ENCUMBERED 2014	(OVER) UNDER EXPENDED
Executive Office	204,692	200,228	1,000	3,464
Elections & Registrations	41,567	38,148		3,419
Financial Admin	108,855	108,853		2
Property Taxation	15,150	14,948		202
Legal & Judicial	15,000	34,187		(19,187)
Land Use Boards	3,304	11,356		(8,052)
General Government Bldg	34,539	37,322	2,950	(5,733)
Insurance	99,924	106,126		(6,202)
Other - Uncatorgized	1	-		1
Police Department	553,700	548,283	1,210	4,207
Detail Wages	3,137	2,298		839
Ambulance Contract	47,500	46,723		777
Fire Department	217,712	198,807		18,905
Building Inspection	11,573	9,410		2,163
Emergency Management	1,000	-		1,000
Highway Administration	237,730	244,864		(7,134)
Highways & Streets	210,986	227,515		(16,529)
Town Mechanic	77,532	78,341		(809)
Street Lighting	42,000	41,531		469
Solid Waste Disposal	137,853	127,915		9,938
Health	2,354	2,839		(485)
Animal Control	2,000	1,980		20
General Assistance Administration	5,634	5,775		(141)
General Assistance Services	55,000	5,308		49,692
Park & Recreation	43,494	43,385		109
P&R Campground	8,401	6,058		2,343
P&R Summer/Vaca Programs	29,887	30,796		(909)
P&R After School Program	6,225	3,729		2,496
P&R Community Activities	501	550		(49)
Library Expenses	59,605	59,605		-
Patriotic Purposes	23,689	23,964		(275)
Conservation Commission	1,000	1,000		-
Principal Long Term Debt	178,009	178,008		1
Interest Long Term Debt	79,817	79,812		5
Interest Tax Anticipation	500	-		500
Capital Outlay	-	-		-
Petitioned Warrant Articles	27,649	27,649		-
Capital Reserve Transfer to Trustees	175,000	175,000		-
TOTAL	\$ 2,762,520	\$ 2,722,313	\$ 5,160	\$ 35,047
ENCUMBRANCES				
Prior Year - MP Carry Over 2010-2011	\$ 5,453	\$ 850		4,603
Appropriations Carried into 2014	630	370		260
Total Previous Years Encumbered	\$ 6,083	\$ 1,220	\$ -	\$ 4,863
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,768,603	\$ 2,723,533	\$ 5,160	\$ 39,910
GRANTS - Encumbrance				
HEAL GRANT-2013	\$ 7,152	5,512		1,640
HEAL GRANT-2014	\$ 5,085			5,085
TOTAL GRANT PENDING	\$ 12,237	\$ 5,512	\$ -	\$ 6,725

Scribner Memorial Trust

December 31, 2014

Balance as of December 31, 2013 \$132,839.96

Expenses:	2013	2014
Maintenance	5360.75	2418.20
Supplies	609.33	285.00
Insurance	1196.34	974.00
FICA	38.26	0.00
Bookkeeper	730.87	519.13
Fuel	2755.06	3151.20
Misc.	321.30	393.00
Telephone	363.36	376.55
Security Fire	25.00	337.08
Scribner Trustees	<u>1250.00</u>	<u>1250.00</u>
Total	\$ 12650.27	\$ 9704.16

Income

MVSB Interest	\$.39	\$.45
MVSB Deposits		\$ 22.86
Transferred Funds-Stock	\$ 10000.00	\$ 8000.00

Account Balances:

MVSB	\$ 2007.47	\$ 326.62
Brokerage Money Mkt	5.46	58.01
Alliance BernStein	13302.84	13771.34
AF Capitol World Growth	33157.21	31225.03
First Eagle FDS-Inc	35189.34	32402.44
Income Fund of America	8658.56	9385.24
Permanent Portfolio FD	24101.19	14754.94
Prudential Jennison	16417.89	8926.24
Sabrient Bakers Dozen	<u>0</u>	<u>14637.39</u>
TOTAL	\$ 132839.26	\$125487.25

Balance as of December 31, 2014 \$125,487.25

Submitted by:

Richard Pare'
 Thomas Peters
 Richard Ogden
 Elliott Dupuis
 Alfred Salvoni

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND ON DECEMBER 31, 2014

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DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HO OF INVESTMENT	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			BALANCE OF PRINCIPAL & INCOME
				BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	WITHDRAWALS	BALANCE END YEAR	DURING YEAR AMOUNT	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END YEAR	
	COMMON TRUST									
	Cemetery Care Trusts:									
Various	Green Grove Cemetery	Cemetery	MF	7,950.00		7,950.00	1,258.30		4,269.19	12,219.19
9/18/66	Crimmings & Berry Cemetery	Cemetery	MF	800.00		800.00	452.24		3,682.26	4,482.26
	Library Trusts:									
2/8/77	Pauline Packard Memorial Library	Library	MF	1,013.39		1,013.39	159.49		464.80	1,478.19
8/7/74	Ordway Cheney Library	Library	MF	2,109.90		2,109.90	301.51		685.41	2,795.31
5/13/85	Harriet Addison Library	Library	MF	983.86		983.86	160.34		949.98	1,933.84
	Memorial Park:									
3/1/95	J. Rollins Trust	Mem. Park		*3578.23						
8/12/93	Memorial Park	Maintenance		*38549.73						
	J. Rollins & Memorial Park	Mem. Park	MF	42,127.96						
11/29/12	Blake Fire	Fire Fund	MM	48,432.13		42,127.96	4,572.57		19,190.65	61,318.61
	Capitol Reserve Funds:									
10/13/12	Water Tank		MM	100,404.50		100,404.50	308.08		308.08	100,712.58
12/31/12	Road Improvement		MM	143,311.23		237,217.03	446.43		446.43	237,663.46
3/9/04	Employee Disability Fund	Insurance	MM	2,437.07	31,094.20	2,437.07	7.48		7.48	2,444.55
3/12/02	Ashland Electric		MM	191,522.53	34,986.90	206,535.63	593.59		593.59	207,129.22
4/1/07	Ashland Water		MM	21,908.49		21,908.49	67.22		67.22	21,975.71
4/1/07	Ashland Sewer		MM	22,303.16		22,303.16	68.43		68.43	22,371.59
4/13/12	Septic Receiving		MM	424,188.53		424,188.53	1,301.59		1,301.59	425,490.12
8/1/11	Town Clock		MM	4,518.49		4,518.49	13.87		13.87	4,532.36
7/10/13	Police Car		MM	474.80		474.80	1.46		1.46	476.26
12/31/13	Fire Truck replace or repair		MM	25,000.02		75,000.02	80.21		80.21	75,080.23
	Ashland School District									
1/23/03	School District Special	Insurance	MM	66,502.53		66,502.53	204.06		204.06	66,706.59
12/12/13	School Safety		MM	10,000.16		30,000.16	42.28		42.28	30,042.44
	Scholarship									
5/13/85	Alice June Addison Memorial Scholarship	Scholarship	MF	9,336.34		9,336.34	722.62	(1,500.00)	5,680.57	15,016.91
5/13/85	Alice June Addison Memorial Scholarship	Scholarship	CK	595.10	to above acct	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
8/16/87	Edward M. Doggett Memorial Scholarship	Scholarship	MF	2,012.62		2,012.62	28.40		975.93	2,988.55
	COMMON TRUST FUND TOTAL					1,306,256.30	29,922.33	(1,500.00)	39,361.66	1,345,617.90
Special Note: 2013 Warrant Article #5 instructed the Town to place \$125,000 into Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund; Only 18,035.29 was provided to Trusties.										
The Failure of the Selectboard to transfer the funds from the above Warrant Article leaves \$106,964.71 unaccounted for.										

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT 2014
Submitted by Linda Guyotte, Treasurer

CHECKING ACCOUNTS	TOWN	ELECTRIC	WATER	SEWER
BEGINNING BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2014	\$ 1,981,764.26	\$ 220,434.18	\$ 153,176.89	\$ 305,805.31
DEPOSITS	\$ 6,821,338.56	\$ 3,060,470.82	\$ 196,196.83	\$ 480,051.38
EXPENDITURES	\$ 6,607,314.72	\$ 2,944,920.59	\$ 256,209.64	\$ 410,790.49
INTEREST	\$ 3,419.23	\$ 453.04	\$ 320.91	\$ 878.76
TOTAL	\$ 2,199,207.33	\$ 336,437.45	\$ 93,484.99	\$ 375,944.96
PROOF OF BALANCE 12/31/2014				
MVSB CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 225,751.76		\$ 93,484.99	
MVSB CASH MANAGER ACCOUNT	\$ 1,973,455.57	\$ 100,231.34		\$ 33,272.91
MVSB CASH MANAGER ACCOUNT		\$ 23,319.02		\$ 227,676.33
TOTAL MEREDITH VILLAGE SAVINGS	\$ 2,199,207.33	\$ 123,550.36	\$ 93,484.99	\$ 260,949.24
FSB CHECKING ACCOUNT		\$ 60,519.08		\$ 114,995.22
FSB MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT		\$ 275,918.37		
TOTAL FRANKLIN SAVINGS BANK		\$ 336,437.45		\$ 114,995.22
TOTAL CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2014	\$ 2,199,207.33	\$ 459,987.81	\$ 93,484.99	\$ 375,944.46
ESCROW ACCOUNT LEAVITT HILL PROJECT (PRIVATE FUNDS)				
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 2,200.00			
DEPOSITS	\$ 1,855.00			
EXPENDITURES	\$ 4,050.00			
ENDING BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2014	\$ 5.00			



Roberts & Greene, PLLC

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Ashland
Ashland, New Hampshire 03217

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Ashland, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents, and the related notes to the financial statements. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Ashland's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the proprietary funds, which represent 100 percent of the assets, net position, and revenues of the business-type activities and the enterprise funds. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose report thereon has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the business-type activities and the enterprise funds, is based on the report of the other auditors.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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Opinions

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Ashland, as of December 31, 2013, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information on page 31 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

The Town of Ashland has not presented a management's discussion and analysis. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have determined that the management's discussion and analysis is necessary to supplement, but is not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

Other Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the Town of Ashland. The combining nonmajor and individual fund schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. They are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining nonmajor and fund schedules are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

May 14, 2014

Roberts & Greene, PLLC

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Commissioners
Ashland Water, Sewer and Electric Departments
Ashland, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities, by major fund, and the remaining information of the Ashland Water, Sewer and Electric Departments as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements on the business-type activities as listed in the table of contents, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of the Ashland Water, Sewer and Electric Departments, as of December 31, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position and, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Other-Matter

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements on business-type activities as a whole. The combining financial statements are provided for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. The combining financial statements are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Management has not presented the management discussion and analysis that governmental accounting principles, generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

J. Harding & Company, PLLC

Plymouth, New Hampshire
February 5, 2015

**TOWN OF ASHLAND
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	<u>WATER UTILITY</u>	<u>SEWER UTILITY</u>	<u>ELECTRIC UTILITY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ASSETS				
Assets				
Cash and equivalents	\$ 186,722	\$ 852,153	\$ 630,710	\$ 1,669,585
Receivables, net of allowance	25,767	35,282	434,396	495,445
Inventories	-	-	33,915	33,915
Prepaid expenses	-	-	8,991	8,991
Fixed Assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>3,451,040</u>	<u>1,923,426</u>	<u>2,258,512</u>	<u>7,632,978</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 3,663,529</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,810,861</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,366,524</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,840,914</u></u>
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION				
Current Liabilities				
Municipal revenue bond - current	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 127,977	\$ 127,977
Accounts payable	8,448	21,649	379,204	409,301
Customer deposits	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,661</u>	<u>8,761</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>8,548</u>	<u>21,649</u>	<u>515,842</u>	<u>546,039</u>
Long-Term Liability				
Municipal revenue bond	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>603,655</u>	<u>603,655</u>
Net Position				
Invested in capital assets, net of debt	3,451,040	1,923,426	1,526,880	6,901,346
Unrestricted	<u>203,941</u>	<u>865,786</u>	<u>720,147</u>	<u>1,789,874</u>
Total Net Position	<u>3,654,981</u>	<u>2,789,212</u>	<u>2,247,027</u>	<u>8,691,220</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Position	<u><u>\$ 3,663,529</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,810,861</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,366,524</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,840,914</u></u>

**TOWN OF ASHLAND
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	<u>WATER UTILITY</u>	<u>SEWER UTILITY</u>	<u>ELECTRIC UTILITY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
OPERATING REVENUES				
User Charges	\$ 192,805	\$ 241,986	\$ 2,871,782	\$ 3,306,573
Septage Fees	-	247,667	-	247,667
Street Lighting	-	-	39,574	39,574
Miscellaneous	4,982	-	37,573	42,555
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	<u>197,787</u>	<u>489,653</u>	<u>2,948,929</u>	<u>3,636,369</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Administration	48,057	57,910	158,073	264,040
Power Purchase	-	-	2,047,336	2,047,336
Contract Operations	84,826	218,124	-	302,950
Payroll and related	25,148	25,139	354,651	404,938
Operations	-	-	109,505	109,505
Depreciation and amortization	139,256	103,212	134,074	376,542
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>297,287</u>	<u>404,385</u>	<u>2,803,639</u>	<u>3,505,311</u>
OPERATING INCOME	<u>(99,500)</u>	<u>85,268</u>	<u>145,290</u>	<u>131,058</u>
Nonoperating Revenues and (Expenses)				
Gain on sale of asset	-	-	-	0
Interest income	321	898	1,047	2,266
Interest expense	-	-	(19,992)	(19,992)
Total Nonoperating Revenues and Expenses	<u>321</u>	<u>898</u>	<u>(18,945)</u>	<u>(17,726)</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>(99,179)</u>	<u>86,166</u>	<u>126,345</u>	<u>113,332</u>
Net Position - Beginning of Year	3,754,160	2,703,046	2,225,231	8,682,437
Adjustment to Opening Balance	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(104,549)</u>	<u>(104,549)</u>
Net Position - Beginning of Year - As Restated	<u>3,754,160</u>	<u>2,703,046</u>	<u>2,120,682</u>	<u>8,577,888</u>
Net Position - End of Year	<u>\$ 3,654,981</u>	<u>\$ 2,789,212</u>	<u>\$ 2,247,027</u>	<u>\$ 8,691,220</u>

**TOWN OF ASHLAND
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	WATER UTILITY	SEWER UTILITY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	TOTAL
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Receipts from customers and other	\$ 195,969	\$ 481,122	\$ 3,075,070	\$ 3,752,161
Payments to suppliers	(144,525)	(281,412)	(2,271,426)	(2,697,363)
Payments to employees	(25,148)	(25,139)	(354,651)	(404,938)
Net cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>26,296</u>	<u>174,571</u>	<u>448,993</u>	<u>649,860</u>
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:				
Change in interfund balance, net	-	-	-	-
Net cash flows provided by (used in) noncapital financing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:				
Repayment of debt	-	-	(124,816)	(124,816)
Interest paid on municipal revenue bond	-	-	(19,992)	(19,992)
Acquisition of capital assets	(115,635)	(77,160)	(90,499)	(283,294)
Net cash flows used for capital and related financing activities	<u>(115,635)</u>	<u>(77,160)</u>	<u>(235,307)</u>	<u>(428,102)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Interest income	321	898	1,047	2,266
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>321</u>	<u>898</u>	<u>1,047</u>	<u>2,266</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash	(89,018)	98,309	214,733	224,024
Cash - beginning of year	<u>275,740</u>	<u>753,844</u>	<u>415,977</u>	<u>1,445,561</u>
Cash - end of year	<u>\$ 186,722</u>	<u>\$ 852,153</u>	<u>\$ 630,710</u>	<u>\$ 1,669,585</u>
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Operating income (loss)	\$ (99,500)	\$ 85,268	\$ 145,290	\$ 131,058
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation and Amortization	139,256	103,212	134,074	376,542
(Increase) decrease in assets:				
Accounts receivable	(1,819)	(8,531)	126,023	115,673
Inventory	-	-	15,000	15,000
Prepaid expenses	-	-	(8,991)	7,963
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:				
Accounts payable	(11,641)	(5,378)	37,479	20,460
Customer deposits	-	-	118	118
Net cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>\$ 26,296</u>	<u>\$ 174,571</u>	<u>\$ 448,993</u>	<u>\$ 666,814</u>

2014

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Linwood Area Senior Services
(Lincoln 745-4705)
Littleton Area Senior Center
(Littleton 444-6050)
Mascoma Area Senior Center
(Canaan 523-4333)
Newfound Area Senior Services
(Bristol 744-8395)
Orford Area Senior Services
(Orford 353-9107)
Plymouth Regional Senior Center
(Plymouth 536-1204)
Upper Valley Senior Center
(Lebanon 448-4213)

Sponsoring

RSVP & The Volunteer Center
(toll-free: 1-877-711-7787)
ServiceLink of Grafton County
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Grafton County Senior Citizens
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GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC. ANNUAL REPORT 2014

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our communities' older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln; and sponsors the Grafton County ServiceLink Resource Center and RSVP and the Volunteer Center. Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, community dining programs, transportation, outreach and counseling, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2013-14, 126 older residents of Ashland were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center and 36 were served through ServiceLink:

- Older adults from Ashland enjoyed 1,859 balanced meals in the company of friends in the Plymouth center's dining room.
- They received 4,329 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Ashland residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 1,141 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 176 visits with a trained outreach worker and 76 contacts with ServiceLink.
- Ashland's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 1,725 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Ashland residents in 2013-14 was \$78,562.40.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical. *Ashland's population over age 60 has increased by 57.6% over the past 20 years, according to U.S. Census data from 1990 to 2010.*

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council would very much appreciate Ashland's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Roberta Berner, Executive Director

Supporting Aging in Community

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc.

Statistics for the Town of Ashland

October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014

During the fiscal year, GCSCC served 126 Ashland residents (out of 495 residents over 60, 2010 U.S. Census). ServiceLink served 36 Ashland residents.

<u>Services</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Units of Service</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>Unit (1) Cost</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>Total Cost of Service</u>
Congregate/Home Delivered	Meals	6,188	x	\$9.31	\$	57,610.28
Transportation	Trips	1,141	x	\$13.44	\$	15,335.04
Social Services	Half-hours	176	x	\$22.29	\$	3,923.04
ServiceLink	Contacts	76	x	\$22.29	\$	1,694.04
Activities		276		N/A		

Number of Ashland volunteers: 11 Number of Volunteer Hours: 1,725

GCSCC cost to provide services for Ashland residents only	\$	<u>78,562.40</u>
Request for Senior Services for 2014	\$	<u>6,600.00</u>
Received from Town of Ashland for 2014	\$	<u>6,600.00</u>
Request for Senior Services for 2015	\$	<u>7,000.00</u>

NOTE:

1. Unit cost from GCSCC Statement of Revenue and Expenses for October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014.
2. Services were funded by Federal and State programs 50.5%; Municipalities, County and United Way 11.5%; Client donations 11%; Charitable contributions 18.5%; Grants and contracts 6.5%; Other 2%..

COMPARATIVE INFORMATION

From Financial Statements for GCSCC
Fiscal Years 2013 and 2014

October 1-September 30

UNITS OF SERVICE PROVIDED

	FY2013	FY2014
Dining Room Meals	78,951	77,381
Home Delivered Meals	130,199	128,149
Transportation (Trips)	44,683	43,242
Social Services (1/2 Hours)	5,993	6,359
ServiceLink	6,207*	7,115*
Number of individuals served	6,715 (+2,649 SLRC*)	6,625 (+2,920 SLRC*)

*(ServiceLink utilizes a statewide database that is distinct from GCSCC's)

COST PER UNIT OF SERVICE PROVIDED

	FY2013	FY2014
Congregate/home delivered meals	\$ 8.60	\$ 9.31
Transportation (per trip)	\$12.79	\$13.44
Social Services (per half-hour)	\$21.37	\$22.29

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS: 973
VOLUNTEER HOURS: 55,870

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

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FOR TOWN ANNUAL REPORTS LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION 2013 – 2014 (FY14)

The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is an organization created by Lakes Region communities according to state law for the broad purpose of responding to and shaping the pressures of change in a meaningful way. With a service area covering over 1,200 square miles in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton and Merrimack Counties, the LRPC provides a wide range of planning services to member municipalities. As our economy and world change, so does the work we are engaged in. The Commission offers direct and support services to help our communities meet tomorrow's challenges. Our services include technical assistance, geographic information systems, transportation planning, land use, environmental planning, hazards planning and economic development. Local, state, and federal resources primarily fund the LRPC. We also maintain a regular dialogue with state agencies as a resource for the entire Lakes Region. Our overall goal is to provide support, knowledge, and guidance to the governments, businesses, and citizens of the Lakes Region.

Some of the services provided on behalf of the Town of Ashland and the region in the past fiscal year are noted below:

OUTREACH

- Coordinated with the Town on the Regional Economic Development Initiative. Made arrangements and attended a Planning Board workshop on October 23.
- Printed and delivered the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan and materials.
- Corresponded with the Town's Conservation Commission Chair regarding invoicing for the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee.
- Responded to a GIS data request from the Lake Winnepesaukee Association's Executive Director.
- Assisted and trained the Water/Sewer Department Commissioner with GPS data collection to locate hydrants in the field which was processed by the LRPC GIS Analyst who created a hydrant location map for the Water/Sewer and Fire Departments.
- Finalized Scope of Work and contract for sewer mapping to fulfill US. EPA mapping requirements for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit with Utility Partners, Ashland Water & Sewer Commissioners and Selectman representative.
- Resubmitted Ashland's Master Plan to Town officials, NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- Provided potential resources/references for recommendations contained in the Master Plan Implementation Chapter.
- Submitted Town GIS utility data to E. Badger.
- Reviewed correspondence regarding Town's bike and pedestrian grant opportunity and Level of Traffic Stress information.
- Provided copies of the NH Planning and Land Use Regulations book to the Town at considerable savings.

REGIONAL SERVICES

- Completed, mailed, and added the 2014 Development Trends report to LRPC website with accompanying links and supporting text.
- Convened a Municipal Law Lecture on Land Use Statute Changes and Recent Case Law and Making Effective Decisions and Notice of Decisions at the Beane Conference Center in Laconia on June 24.

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- Secured funding from the NH Department of Environmental Services for the construction and completion of a stormwater retention basin in Paugus Bay.
- Participated in Laconia's Multicultural Festival.
- The June 16, 2014 Annual Meeting was held at Church Landing in Meredith, with featured speaker NH Department of Resources and Economic Development Commissioner Jeffrey Rose. Over 95 attendees socialized, enjoyed the awards presentations and Commissioner Rose's speech.
- Provided support to and attended the NH Department of Environmental Services for the 25th anniversary of the Rivers Management and Protection Program.
- Used Community Viz software for buildout/scenario planning for communities and the region.
- Communicated with the Nashua and Rockingham Regional Planning Commissions regarding Regional Economic Model Initiative for the Lakes Region with local scenarios such as Advanced Manufacturing and Entrepreneurship.
- Convened several Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC) meetings. Developed a Letter of Support on behalf of LRPC for the Trout Unlimited proposal to conduct a Stream Crossing. Assisted PRLAC with the demonstration of its water-monitoring program.
- Convened several Lakes Region Plan Advisory Committee meetings. Completed a Draft Lakes Region Plan, posted to the LRPC website and distributed to Town/City Managers, Town Administrators/City Councils, Boards of Selectmen, Planning Boards, Town/City Planners, and libraries in the region per NH RSA 36:47.
- Planned, organized, and attended a Regional Housing Workshop on Friday, September 27 at the Meredith Community Center.
- Hosted the NH Association of Regional Planning Commissioners booth and presented at the NH Municipal Association Annual Conference on November 7.
- Attended and presented findings of the WOW Trail Health Impact Assessment to the Board of Directors. Assisted with the preparation of a two-page Health Impact Assessment summary handout.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

- With assistance from area communities and NH DES, conducted the annual Lakes Region Household Hazardous Waste Collections, which occurred over two consecutive Saturdays in the summer at eight locations. A total of 1,699 household contributed from the 24 participating Lakes Region communities; 20,000 gallons of waste were collected and removed from the region in an environmentally safe manner.
- Researched and presented information on Paint Stewardship at the April Commission meeting.
- With support from the NH DES, 6,000 Flipbooks with tips and recipes for Alternatives to Household Hazardous Waste have been distributed to area residents.
- Solicited new bids from qualified hazardous waste haulers to help ensure that future HHW collections will be fiscally and environmentally responsible and sound.
- Created and updated googlemap with HHW collection locations and information; posted map to website.

EDUCATION

- Organized and hosted public Municipal Law Lecture on Land Use Statute Changes and Recent Case Law, and Making Effective Decisions and Notices of Decisions with Attorneys Bernie Waugh and Daniel Crean as Keynote Speakers.
- Convened six Commission meetings and facilitated discussion on: Searching for an Economic Recovery, Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies, LRPC Brownfields Assessment Program Overview, Transportation Improvements – Public Involvement Process, The Lakes Region Plan: An Update, Household Hazardous Waste, and Paint Stewardship.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Completed an update to the Lakes Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) a one year project funded through the US Economic Development Administration (EDA). The CEDS is a roadmap to help guide local and regional economic development policies and to provide funding opportunities from EDA for projects identified in the CEDS.
- Coordinated with area economic development groups including Belknap Economic Development Council (BEDC), Capital Region Development Corporation (CRDC), Franklin Business and Industrial Development Corporation (FBDIC), and Mount Washington Valley Economic Council in pursuit of workforce development and growth opportunities for the region.
- Drafted a Regional Broadband Plan. Attended the NH Office of Energy and Planning Statewide Broadband Meeting in June.
- The Environmental Protection Agency awarded a \$200,000 for clean-up grants under LRPC's Brownfields Program. Completed, published and distributed the Brownfields RFP; selected and signed agreement with engineering consultant. Performed outreach and collected six site nomination forms; assisted with set up of project meeting with site owners and consulting firm; facilitated eligibility determination process.

TRANSPORTATION

- Conducted over 170 traffic and turning movement counts around the region.
- Completed and distributed the draft Travel Demand Management study report.
- Received funding through the NH Department of Transportation (NH DOT) to initiate a new Scenic Byways Plan. Established Scenic Byways Advisory Committee, reviewed documentation of project/committee member roles.
- Convened several meetings of the LRPC Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to enhance local involvement in regional transportation planning and project development.
- Participated in and reviewed the Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) information relative to Lakes Region projects in the Ten Year Plan (TYP) 2015-2024.
- Assisted with the successful application to fund the expansion of transportation services for the elderly and disabled in Carroll County. Attended several Mid-State Regional Coordinating Council and Carroll County Regional Coordinating Council meetings. The RCCs advise the State Coordinating Council on public transit issues in their respective locations.
- Created, printed, and distributed outreach brochure and holders to RCC members for distribution to sites.
- Attended UNH Technology Transfer Center training on Land Use Planning and Highway Departments and Roads Scholar workshop title "A Hard Road to Travel".
- Attended the UNH T² training on Culvert Maintenance, and "Navigating MAP 21" in Concord, and funding legislation and opportunities for funding and promoting bicycle and pedestrian projects.
- Attended Transportation Planning Collaborative meeting in Concord with Regional Planning Commission planners' statewide, NHDOT, and Federal Highway Administration staff.
- Provided links to the 2012 Bicycling and Walking Plan on the LRPC website along with the plan's Conceptual Design Supplement.
- Organized and attended a meeting with area transportation providers to discuss opportunities for collaboration on Commute Green NH grant, submitted proposal to NHDOT through Central NH Regional Planning Commission.
- Facilitated the Regional Transportation Workshop in November in Meredith.
- Attended a Lakes Region Transportation Summit in Belmont hosted by Senator Hosmer.
- Received Governor & Council approval on the 5310 Formula Funds for RCC outreach.
- Participated in a NH Route 16 Corridor Safety Assessment with the NH Department of Transportation and North Country Council.

Annual Report 2014

University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension's mission is to provide New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information to enhance their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy. Based in the Grafton County office in North Haverhill, we reach our audiences through a combination of traditional and modern methods, including Facebook and Twitter.

A cross section of our impacts during the past year is listed below.

- A unique memorandum of understanding between the Division of Forests and Lands and the UNH Cooperative Extension Natural Resources Program was renewed for the seventh time since 1925.
- Deb Maes worked with a group of volunteers in the Plymouth/ Holderness area to protect the Livermore Falls section of the Baker River.
- Dave Falkenham assisted private landowners with understanding and management of forest dynamics on 5,700 acres of private forest in Grafton County.
- Heather Bryant completed an overwintering onion trial, a small winter greens trial, a tomato fertility trial and a disease resistant outdoor tomato trial.
- Donna Lee initiated two SPIN (Special Interest) 4-H groups; Sign Language and GPS Navigation in the Woods.
- Michal Lunak Coordinated state-wide day-long workshops for producers on Improving Milk Quality, improving forage quality and working effectively with slaughterhouses.
- Kathy Jablonski, 4-H Healthy Living, has sponsored Choose Health: Food, Fun and Fitness in three locations in the state. 4-H Healthy Living now has a web presence. Check out the resources and information at: <http://extension.unh.edu/4-HYouth-Family/4-H-Healthy-Living>
- Lisa Ford has been engaging parents, youth, and seniors to learn healthy eating and physical activity practices.

Be sure to look for us on Facebook and Twitter and on-line at www.extension.unh.edu

Respectfully submitted: David Falkenham, County Office Administrator

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-1370 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfi.org.

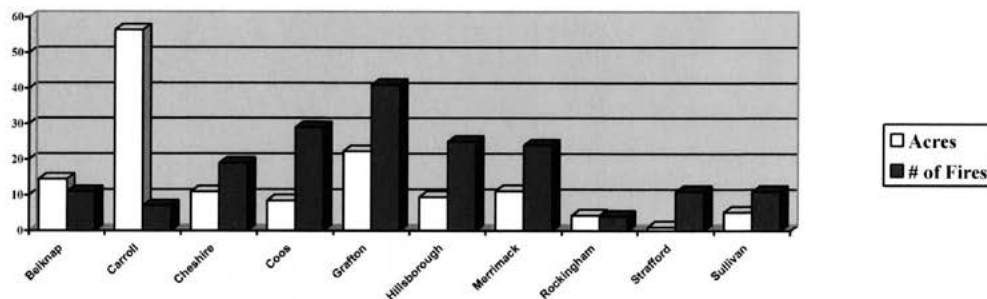
This past fire season started in early April with the first reported fire on April 7th. April, which is the traditional start to our spring fire season, began very dry with unseasonably dry conditions continuing through the entire month. This dry pattern continued through the first half of May. 80% of our reported fires this season occurred during this six week period. The largest fire was 24 acres, occurring in the town of Tamworth. From mid May through early September, above average rainfall kept our total acreage burned statewide at 72 acres. This is the smallest amount of acreage burned statewide in several years. Late August through late September though brought a dry trend to northern areas, resulting in several deep-burning remote fires. Our fire danger days correlated well with the days that there were fires actually reported. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on Class III or higher fire danger days. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting capability was supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2014 season threatened structures, and a few structures were burned, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2014 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 2014)

(figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	3.1	5
Carroll	24	4
Cheshire	6.8	7
Coos	5.3	18
Grafton	8.2	32
Hillsborough	6.1	20
Merrimack	15.5	11
Rockingham	1.1	8
Strafford	0.4	5
Sullivan	1.5	2



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

	Total	Fires	Total Acres
Arson	2	112	72
Debris	52	182	144
Campfire	10	318	206
Children	2	125	42
Smoking	5	360	145
Railroad	0		
Equipment	5		
Lightning	1		
Misc.*	35 (*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)		

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PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

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2014 Annual Report

This past year, the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District continued its cooperative efforts to promote waste reduction, increase recycling, and to provide residents with a means of properly disposing of their household hazardous wastes (HHW).

The District held two (2) one-day collections, one in Littleton and the other in Plymouth. A total of 251 vehicles came to the collections - an increase of 31 vehicles from 2013 and our highest participation total since 2006. Total disposal costs were \$24,815. The District was awarded a grant from the State of NH for \$5,611 and received a \$5,000 donation from Casella Waste. The District's net expenditures were \$14,204 (a cost of \$.46 per resident). The table below highlights the District's HHW collection data since 2010. The District also coordinated the pickup of fluorescent light bulbs that had been collected at member towns' recycling facilities. Over 41,000 feet of straight fluorescent tubing was recycled.

In 2014, the District will hold collections in Littleton (Sunday, August 23rd) and in Plymouth (Saturday, September 26th). Individual residents can help to minimize the District's disposal costs and reduce the toxicity of the environment by remembering a few of these helpful tips; Buy only what you need. If you have leftover product, properly store it so it will last. Use biological controls and organic products for pests and diseases in the garden when feasible. Apply chemical pesticides only as a last resort and be sure to follow the directions on the label. Lastly, air-dry your leftover latex paint. When completely dried, latex paint may be disposed of in your household trash.

This past year the District supported legislation that would have placed a fee on oil and latex based paints sold in New Hampshire. The money generated by the fee would have been used to create an infrastructure that would have expanded the opportunity for residents to properly dispose/recycle their unwanted paint and to cover the cost of managing the collected paint. Simply stated, the legislation would have shifted the cost of disposal/recycling from the tax payer to the individual consumer. The proposed legislation passed the House of Representatives, but unfortunately failed in the Senate.

As always, citizens interested in participating in the development of the District's programs are welcome to attend the District's meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at all municipal offices and recycling centers. If at any time an individual community needs assistance in regards to their solid waste/recycling program, please contact the District at 838-6822 or by email at pemibakerswd@yahoo.com

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan Woods, District Coordinator

2010 – 2014 Program Costs

Year	Population	Cars	HHW Expenditures	NHDES Grant	Other Revenue	Net Expenditures	Net Cost/Car	Net Cost/Capita
2010	30765	250	\$26,765	\$5,230	\$768	\$20,758	\$83	\$0.67
2011	30765	136	\$17,028	\$6,223	\$80	\$10,725	\$79	\$0.35
2012	30765	229	\$30,860	\$5,305	\$0	\$25,555	\$112	\$0.83
2013	31,018	220	\$21,492	\$5,490	\$8,500	\$7,502	\$34	\$0.24
2014	31,177	251	\$24,815	\$5,611	\$5,000	\$14,204	\$57	\$0.46

Ashland - Campton - Danbury - Dorchester - Easton - Ellsworth - Franconia - Groton - Landaff - Lisbon - Littleton - Lyman
Plymouth - Rumney - Sugar Hill - Thornton - Warren - Waterville Valley - Wentworth



"Partnering to make recycling strong through economic and environmentally sound solutions"

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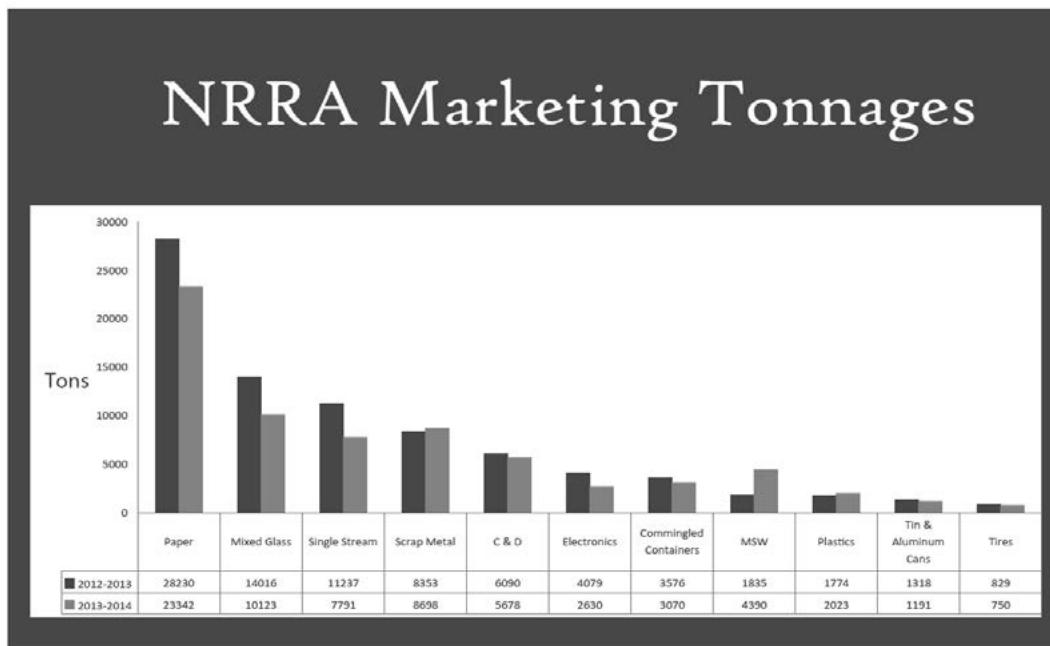
Dear NRRA Member,

As a member of Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA), your community has access to all the services of this first in the nation, 33-year old recycling cooperative. Your member-driven organization provides you with:

- Up-to-date **Technical Assistance** in waste reduction and recycling including solid waste contract negotiations;
- **Cooperative Marketing** to maximize pricing and **Cooperative Purchasing** to minimize costs;
- Current **Market Conditions** and Latest **Recycling Trends, both regionally and nationwide;**
- **Innovative Programs** (i.e. Dual Stream, Consolidation and Single Stream);
- **Educational and Networking Opportunities** through our Annual Recycling Conference, our new Bi-weekly "Full of Scrap" email news, monthly Marketing meetings, **members' only website**, workshops and Fall Facility Tours;
- **School Recycling Club** - a program to assist schools to promote or advance their recycling efforts;
- **NH DES Continuing Ed Credits;**
- **NH the Beautiful Signs, Grants, Bins and Recyclemobiles.**

NRRA membership has grown to include more than 400 municipalities, businesses and individuals in New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Maine. NRRA, as a non-profit organization, is unique in that we do not charge a "brokerage fee" or work to maximize profit gains, but rather has a minimal "Co-op" Fee" which is re-invested to further your recycling programs and solid waste reduction efforts in schools and municipalities.

Through your continued support and dedication, NRRA has assisted our members to recycle over 69,686 tons in fiscal year 2013-2014!



Please contact NRRA at 800-223-0150 / 603-736-4401 or visit our website at www.nrrea.net



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Ashland, NH

Congratulations for being such active recyclers!

Below please find information on the positive impact this recycling has had on your environment.

The recyclable materials listed below were sent to market to be remanufactured into new products through your non-profit recycling organization, the Northeast Resource Recovery Association.

Recyclable Material	Amount Recycled In 2014	Environmental Impact! Here is <u>only one</u> benefit of using this recycled material rather than natural resources (raw materials) to manufacture new products.
Electronics	11,273 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to power 1.8 houses for one year!
Paper	95.73 tons	Saved 1,627 trees!
Plastics	13,214 lbs.	Conserved 9,911 gallons of gasoline!
Steel Cans	6.88 gross tons	Conserved enough energy to run a 60 watt light bulb for 400,920 hours!
Tires	7.38 tons	Conserved 7.4 barrels of oil!



Respect Advocacy Integrity Stewardship Excellence

December 18, 2014

To the Residents of Ashland:

"A healthy population enables growth, productivity, and helps create an economic environment that will sustain New Hampshire's future well-being."~ 2014 Sentinel Event Review Report

Thank you for investing in Genesis Behavioral Health, your community mental health center.

The appropriation we received from the Town of Ashland's 2014 budget helped us support the cost of providing emergency mental health care to the residents of your town. Genesis Behavioral Health is available to provide 24/7 Emergency Services to any resident of Ashland experiencing a mental health crisis, regardless of their ability to pay.

During Fiscal Year 2014 (July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014), we served **75 Ashland residents and provided Emergency Services to 13 Ashland residents**. We provided **\$6,510.85 in charity care**.

Age Range	Number of Patients
Ages 1 – 17	25
Ages 18 – 61	42
Age 62 and over	8

Access to mental health care has been identified as a priority community need for both Belknap and southern Grafton Counties. Reduced access to treatment leads to increased demand on many of the systems in our community, including emergency rooms, law enforcement, first responders, courts, corrections, schools and municipalities like yours. The economic cost of untreated mental illness is more than \$100 billion each year in the United States, causing unnecessary disability, unemployment, substance abuse, homelessness, inappropriate incarceration, suicide and wasted lives (National Alliance on Mental Illness, 2011).

Your investment is critical to the sustainability of the Emergency Services program. The repercussions of reduced funding and limited access to mental health care are devastating for our communities. Mental health treatment helps people foster fulfilling, relationships, maintain stable employment and lead productive lives. Genesis Behavioral Health improved the health of 3,642 individuals last year. On behalf of all of them, we thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret M. Pritchard".

Margaret M. Pritchard, Executive Director

CADY ANNUAL REPORT TO THE TOWN OF ASHLAND–2014

Communities for Alcohol- and Drug-free Youth (CADY) would like to express our deep appreciation to the citizens of Ashland for your 2014 appropriation for youth substance abuse prevention. Since 1999, our community education, youth development programs, partnerships, trainings and outreach have been shattering myths about illicit drug use and underage drinking with science-based facts. CADY's work promotes the vital relationships and connections youth need to grow and thrive and the tools needed to prevent the harms of substance abuse.

It's hard to pick up the paper or turn on the TV these days without reading or hearing about the drug epidemic we are experiencing here in New Hampshire. Illegal drug use is directly linked to some of our toughest social problems such as academic failure, addiction, crime, unemployment, low productivity and absenteeism in the workplace, high health care and criminal justice costs as well as homelessness and overdose deaths. The need for a local safety net is great.

In the midst of continuing challenges, 2014 was a year of progress for CADY in our mission to prevent and reduce youth substance abuse and to promote healthy environments and promising futures. Our important work could not be accomplished without the participation and dedication of so many. As a non-profit we achieve progress through the efforts of dedicated volunteers and community investment from the towns we serve. We believe every child from Ashland deserves the opportunity to live up to his or her full potential and we dedicate ourselves to that end. One significant and noteworthy accomplishment from the last year was the receipt of the "2014 NH Prevention Provider of the Year" award. We share that honor with you as our important work would not move forward without our many collaborations in the town of Ashland.

In the midst of these forward movements, however, this year marked significant statewide and local problems with the emerging heroin-related overdose crisis. As part of our response, last May we had Commander Scott Sweet of the Attorney General's Drug Task Force speak at our 14th Annual Prevention Summit on the dangerous heroin resurgence and its related problems. 200 local citizens, educators, elected officials, law enforcement, health care, social service professionals, and community members were in attendance. We are committed to continuing this vital conversation in 2015 to explore local solutions to this growing epidemic.

To see 2014 program numbers and local youth participating in skill-building activities in our acclaimed LAUNCH Youth Entrepreneurship Program and Youth Advisory and Advocacy Council (YAAC), please go to our website at www.cadyinc.org. Both programs are proven effective at developing goal setting, strong leadership skills, healthy choices, and life success. We cannot show you the faces of the 149 youth who have transformed their lives as a result of our Restorative Justice Program, but please know that this vital court diversion program continues to give high-risk youth a second chance to make restitution to victims of juvenile crime and turn their lives around.

While we are proud of our many successes, we have a long way to go. Still too many young people are engaging in dangerous risk behaviors. In these challenging economic times, support from the town of Ashland is more important than ever and is greatly appreciated. This is our chance to thank you for your partnership—and for sharing our vision of drug-free communities—together we will continue to make a powerful difference for our children and prevent the harms and high costs associated with substance use.

Sincerely,
Deb Naro
Executive Director

2015

WARRANT AND BUDGETS

TOWN OF ASHLAND
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
2015 WARRANT

AS AMENDED AT JANUARY 31, 2015 DELIBERATIVE SESSION

To the inhabitants of the Town of Ashland, in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

First Session – You are hereby notified to meet for the First (Deliberative) Session of the Annual Town Meeting, to be held at the William J. Tirone Gymnasium, 27 Highland Street, Ashland, New Hampshire, on the 31st day of January 2015, being Saturday at 1:00 pm. The First (Deliberative) Session will consist of explanation, discussion and debate of each of the following articles and will afford those voters who are present the opportunity to propose, debate and adopt amendments to each warrant article, except those articles whose wording is prescribed by state law.

Second Session – You are also notified to meet for the Second Session of the Annual Town Meeting, to elect Town Officers by official ballot and to vote by official ballot on the warrant articles as they may have been amended at the First Session, to be held at the William J. Tirone Gymnasium, 27 Highland Street, Ashland, New Hampshire on the 10th day of March 2015, being Tuesday, the polls to be open at 8:00 am and may not close prior to 7:00 pm to act upon the following:

ARTICLE 1- ELECTION OF OFFICERS

To choose all of the following officers for the year ensuing:

Board of Selectmen-3 year term-2 positions
Town Clerk/Tax Collector-3 year term
Town Trustee of the Trust Funds-3 year term
Library Trustee-3 year term
Electric Commissioner-3 year term
Water and Sewer Commissioner-3 year term
Budget Committee-3 year term-3 positions
Budget Committee-1 year term
Cemetery Trustee-3 year term

ARTICLE 2-ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

To see how the Town will vote by official ballot on the proposed amendments as recommended by the Planning Board to the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as follows

Question #1- Are you in favor of amending the wording of “obnoxious use” and “junkyard” in Article 3 and deleting the definition of “junkyard” in Article 10 of the Ashland Zoning Ordinance?

ARTICLE 3- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.00

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five year lease / purchase agreement to obtain a new Fire Engine/Pumper which has a total purchase price of Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000) plus interest and to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) for the down payment, which sum shall be funded by withdrawal from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013. The annual lease payments to be paid in future years will be Seventy Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty Two Dollars (\$79,962). This lease/purchase agreement will not have an escape clause and is non-lapsing until December 31, 2020 (60% Majority vote required).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-1

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

ARTICLE 4- Estimated Tax impact is \$8.15

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling **\$6,294,256**? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$6,202,044** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

General Operating Budget Town	\$2,595,278
Electric Department	\$3,119,358
Water	\$202,550
Sewer	\$377,070

ARTICLE 5- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.06

To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a four year lease purchase agreement with a total cost of Fifty One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$51,750) for the purpose of purchasing a Transfer Station mini loader for the Public Works Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Eight Dollars (\$12,938) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

ARTICLE 6- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.12

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Eight Thousand One Hundred Eighty Nine Dollars (\$28,189) for the third year payment of the five year lease / purchase for the PWD Loader as authorized by vote on March 12, 2013.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

ARTICLE 7- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.53

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) to be placed into the Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund established in 2012 for the purpose of repairing Roads.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

ARTICLE 8- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.14

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a four year lease purchase agreement with a total cost of Twenty Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Eight Dollars (\$29,478) to obtain a police vehicle for the Police department and to raise and appropriate the sums of Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$7,370) for the first year's payment and Twenty Five Thousand Three hundred Dollars (\$25,300) for outfitting the vehicle (a total appropriation of \$32,670). This lease / purchase agreement will not contain an escape clause. (60% majority vote required).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

ARTICLE 9- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.135

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed into the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing Police department vehicles.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-2

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-2

ARTICLE 10- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.21

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added into the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing fire department vehicles.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

ARTICLE 11- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.17

To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the Department of Public Works Fund for the purpose of vehicle or equipment purchase, replacement or repair and to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the fund and to further appoint the Ashland Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-1

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 6-2

ARTICLE 12- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.26

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$60,700) for the purpose of purchasing and installing custom fit windows for the Town Hall.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-1

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-3

ARTICLE 13- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.11

To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the Building Maintenance and Repair fund for the purpose of maintaining and repairing all Town Buildings and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the fund and to further appoint the Ashland Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-1

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

ARTICLE 14-

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish or amend fees pursuant to RSA 41:9-a. This authority shall continue in effect until rescinded. If adopted, the Board of Selectmen, following a public hearing, may establish or amend fees or charges for the issuance of any license or permit which is part of a regulatory program, and/or for the use or occupancy of any public revenue-producing facility.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

ARTICLE 15-

To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 261:153, VI to authorize the collection of an additional fee for motor vehicle registrations in the amount of \$5.00, to be deposited in a Capital Reserve Fund established by this vote, to be used for the purpose of municipal transportation improvements, to fund, wholly or in part, improvements in the local or regional transportation system, including roads, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, parking and intermodal facilities and public transportation; and further to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. Registrations for motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles (as defined in RSA 215-A: 1, I-b) and antique motor vehicles (as defined in RSA 259:4) are exempt from this fee. This fee shall be collected starting with motor vehicle registration permits on or after May 1, 2015.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

ARTICLE 16-

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Heritage Commission in accordance with the provisions of RSA 673 and RSA 674 and a Heritage Fund in accordance with the provisions of RSA 674:44-a to 44-d and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint five citizens as members of the Heritage Commission pursuant to the provisions of RSA 673:4-a and RSA 673:5; one member of the Heritage Commission shall be a selectman, and up to three additional citizens shall be appointed as alternate members. An advisory entity, a Heritage Commission is for the proper recognition, use, and protection of resources, tangible or intangible, primarily man made, that are valued for their historical, cultural, aesthetic, or community significance within their natural, built or cultural contexts. Powers and duties of a heritage commission include: To advise and assist other local boards and commissions on matters related to historic resources; To work in tandem with the Ashland Historical Society to survey and inventory historic resources; To assist the Planning Board in writing or updating the historic and cultural resources chapter in the Master Plan; To propose and implement other preservation planning; To assist in coordinating and fundraising for cultural events for the Town.

Upon approval of this article the present Ashland Historic Commission, which was established in 1970 for the limited purpose of taking responsibility for the Whipple House, will be terminated and the duties and functions of that Commission will be assumed by the Heritage Commission.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

ARTICLE 17- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.11

Petition Article: We the undersigned registered voters of Ashland, do hereby petition that the following article be placed on the warrant of the 2015 annual Ashland Town Meeting: Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the *Ashland Library Building Fund* for the purpose of purchasing, building and/or renovating a facility (including furnishing and equipment) for the Ashland Town Library, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) towards this purpose, and to further appoint the Ashland Library Trustees as agents to expend from the fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

ARTICLE 18- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.01

Petitioned Article: We, the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Ashland request you to insert in the warrant for the 2015 Town meeting, the following article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a minimum of \$3,000 to support ongoing services at the Bridge House, which specializes in comprehensive services for veterans.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

ARTICLE 19- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.04

Petitioned Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Eight Dollars (\$9,478) for the Pemi-Baker Community Health (a non-profit organization) for the purpose of providing uninsured and underinsured residents of the Town with quality home health care. The sum amounts to Four Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$4.50) per resident based upon recent census data and it represents a small fraction of the cost of providing these services to our residents in their home. (Home care provided by Pemi-Baker Community Health to uninsured and under-insured patients helps the Town limit welfare payments for medical services.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

ARTICLE 20- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.00

Petitioned Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for CADY (Communities for Alcohol and Drug-free Youth, a non-profit organization) for the purpose of supporting the only local court diversion program to reduce juvenile delinquency by increasing offender accountability, ensuring restitution to victims and potentially saving the town many thousands of dollars in placement costs at juvenile detention facilities. (During the last six years, CADY has served eight juvenile offenders from Ashland (one in 2014), providing services that have saved the Town considerably more than the sum request in this article.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

ARTICLE 21- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.01

Petitioned Article: The following registered voters in the Town of Ashland respectfully request that the below article be placed on the town warrant: The Town of Ashland will raise and appropriate funds totaling \$3,500 to Genesis Behavioral Health for the delivery of Emergency Mental Health Services. These services include access to Master's level clinicians and psychiatrists by individuals, police, fire, schools, hospitals and others 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Services are provided to anyone in need, regardless of their ability to pay.

Genesis Behavioral Health is the community mental health center serving Belknap and Southern Grafton Counties. We served 3,642 children, families, adults and elders in Fiscal Year 2014, 75 of whom were Ashland residents. Genesis Behavioral Health provided Emergency Services to 13 Ashland residents in Fiscal Year 2014. We provided \$6,510.85 in charitable care to Ashland residents and \$514,902.81 in charitable care to the community.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

ARTICLE 22 – Estimated Tax impact is \$0.03

Petitioned Article: We registered voters in the Town of Ashland present this petitioned article to be included in the 2015 Town of Ashland Warrant.

Shall the voters raise and appropriated Seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) to Grafton County Senior citizens council, Inc. for services for Ashland residents in 2015. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, outreach support, ServiceLink support and more, in FY 2014, Graft County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 126 Ashland residents, and ServiceLink provided services for 36 residents. The cost of providing these services was \$78,562.40.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

ARTICLE 23

Petitioned Article: Are you in favor of decreasing the board of selectmen to 3 members?



New Hampshire
Department of
Revenue Administration

2015
MS-737

Budget of the Town of Ashland

Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Town Meeting

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE WARRANT

This form was posted with the warrant on: January 26, 2015

For Assistance Please Contact the NH DRA Municipal and Property Division
P: (603) 230-5090 F: (603) 230-5947 <http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

BUDGET COMMITTEE CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Budget Committee Members	
Printed Name	Signature
DAVID RUELL	<i>David Ruell</i>
DAVID TOTH	<i>David Toth</i>
MARDEAN BADGER	<i>Mardean Badger</i>
NORMAN DEWULFE	<i>Norman Dewulfe</i>
Harold S. Lewis	<i>Harold S. Lewis</i>
CHRISTINA COLLEY	<i>Christina Colley</i>
Mark Sarano	<i>Mark Sarano</i>

A hard-copy of this signature page must be signed and submitted to the NHDRA at the following address:

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL AND PROPERTY DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487

Appropriations					Budget Committee's	
Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectman's Appropriations Enacting FY 2015 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Enacting FY 2015 (Not Recommended)
General Government						
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	04	\$204,692	\$200,228	\$195,046	\$400
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	04	\$41,567	\$0	\$37,254	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	04	\$108,855	\$108,853	\$112,887	\$112,587
						\$300

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4152	ation of Property	04	\$15,150	\$14,946	\$47,360	\$0	\$47,360	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	04	\$15,000	\$34,187	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	04	\$3,304	\$11,356	\$18,369	\$0	\$18,369	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	04	\$34,539	\$37,322	\$45,038	\$0	\$45,038	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	04	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$0
4196	Insurance	04	\$99,924	\$106,126	\$128,271	\$0	\$128,271	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government	04	\$1	\$0	\$401	\$0	\$401	\$0
Public Safety								
4210-4214	Police	04	\$556,837	\$550,581	\$598,259	\$0	\$589,448	\$8,811
4215-4219	Ambulance	04	\$47,500	\$46,723	\$46,724	\$0	\$46,724	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	04	\$217,712	\$198,807	\$216,503	\$63	\$216,566	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection	04	\$11,573	\$9,410	\$11,803	\$0	\$11,803	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	04	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center								
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets								
4311	Administration	04	\$237,730	\$244,864	\$247,449	\$0	\$247,449	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	04	\$210,986	\$305,857	\$288,629	\$0	\$288,629	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	04	\$42,000	\$41,531	\$42,000	\$0	\$42,000	\$0
4319	Other		\$77,532	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation								
4321	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	04	\$137,853	\$127,915	\$131,659	\$0	\$131,659	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326-4329	Sewage Collection, Disposal and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Water Distribution and Treatment									
4331	Administration			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation and Other			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric									
4351-4352	Administration and Generation			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health									
4411	Administration	04	\$2,354	\$2,839	\$2,353	\$0	\$2,353	\$0	\$0
4414	Pest Control	04	\$2,000	\$1,980	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other		\$27,649	\$27,649	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Welfare									
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	04	\$5,634	\$5,775	\$9,400	\$0	\$9,400	\$0	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	04	\$55,000	\$5,308	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$0
Culture and Recreation									
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	04	\$88,508	\$84,519	\$88,867	\$0	\$87,868	\$999	\$999
4550-4559	Library	04	\$59,605	\$59,605	\$60,604	\$0	\$60,604	\$0	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	04	\$23,689	\$7,899	\$10,189	\$500	\$10,689	\$0	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	04	\$0	\$16,065	\$14,350	\$0	\$14,350	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development									
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	04	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development	04	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$0
Debt Service									
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	04	\$178,009	\$178,008	\$122,331	\$0	\$122,331	\$0	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	04	\$79,817	\$79,812	\$72,878	\$0	\$72,878	\$0	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	04	\$500	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay									
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out									
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric	04	\$3,102,772	\$3,102,772	\$3,119,358	\$0	\$3,119,358	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer	04	\$308,751	\$308,751	\$377,070	\$0	\$377,070	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water	04	\$159,251	\$159,251	\$202,550	\$0	\$202,550	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Agency Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Proposed Appropriations			\$6,158,294	\$6,079,941	\$6,304,203	\$563	\$6,294,256	\$10,510	\$10,510

Special Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectman's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Commissioner's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)	Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	18	\$0	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	19	\$0	\$0	\$9,478	\$0	\$9,478	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	22	\$0	\$0	\$7,000	\$0	\$7,000	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	20	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	21	\$0	\$0	\$3,500	\$0	\$3,500	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	10	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	03	\$0	\$0	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	09	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	08	\$0	\$0	\$32,670	\$0	\$32,670	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	13	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	11	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	07	\$0	\$0	\$125,000	\$0	\$125,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	17	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
Special Articles Recommended			\$175,000	\$175,000	\$416,648	\$0	\$416,648	\$0

Individual Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectman's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Commissioner's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)	Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	06	\$0	\$0	\$28,189	\$0	\$28,189	\$0
Purpose:								
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	05	\$0	\$0	\$12,938	\$0	\$12,938	\$0
Purpose:								
4903	Buildings	12	\$0	\$0	\$60,700	\$0	\$60,700	\$0
Purpose:								
Individual Articles Recommended			\$0	\$0	\$101,827	\$0	\$101,827	\$0

Revenues				
Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
Taxes				
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	04	\$0	\$1
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	04	\$2,292	\$450
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	04	\$58,340	\$58,810
3187	Excavation Tax	04	\$19	\$19
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	04	\$55,341	\$53,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0
Licenses, Permits, and Fees				
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	04	\$1,230	\$650
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	04	\$309,340	\$304,870
3230	Building Permits	04	\$6,164	\$6,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	04	\$13,945	\$14,300
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$10,070	\$0
State Sources				
3351	Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	04	\$100,423	\$92,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	04	\$48,862	\$49,177
3354	Water Pollution Grant	04	\$24,463	\$14,147
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	04	\$17	\$17
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	04	\$48,944	\$57,600
3379	From Other Governments	04	\$2,483	\$2,900
Charges for Services				
3401-3406	Income from Departments	04	\$193,995	\$168,904
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous Revenues				
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	04	\$3,007	\$2,500
3503-3509	Other	04	\$0	\$14,350
Interfund Operating Transfers In				
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)	04	\$3,102,772	\$3,119,358
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)	04	\$308,751	\$377,070
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)	04	\$159,251	\$202,550
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$31,094	\$75,000
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds	03	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources				
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance		\$0	\$0
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$4,491,496	\$4,613,673

Budget Summary				
Item	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Selectman's Recommended Budget	Budget Committee's Recommended Budget	
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$6,130,645	\$6,554,451		\$6,294,256
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	\$175,000	\$416,648		\$416,648
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	\$27,649	\$101,827		\$101,827
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$6,333,294	\$7,072,926		\$6,812,731
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$4,347,381	\$4,613,673		\$4,613,673
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$1,985,913	\$2,459,253		\$2,199,058

BUDGET COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

(For Calculating 10% Maximum Allowable Increase)
(RSA 32:18, 32:19, & 32:21)

Use VERSION #1 if budget does not contain Collective Bargaining Cost Items; RSA 32:21 Water Costs; or RSA 32:18-a Bond Override

LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNIT: ASHLAND FISCAL YEAR END 2015

	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT
1. Total RECOMMENDED by Budget Committee (See Posted Budget MS-7, 27, or 37)	6,294,256
LESS EXCLUSIONS:	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	122,331
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	72,878
4. Capital Outlays Funded From Long-Term Bonds & Notes per RSA 33:8 & 33:7-b.	
5. Mandatory Assessments	1,767
6. Total exclusions (Sum of rows 2 - 5)	< 196,976 >
7. Amount recommended less recommended Exclusion amounts (line 1 less line 6)	6,097,280
8. Line 7 times 10%	609,728
9. Maximum Allowable Appropriations (lines 1 + 8)	6,903,984

Line 8 is the maximum allowable increase to budget committee's recommended budget.

Attach a copy of this completed supplemental schedule to the back of the budget form.

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TOWN OF ASHLAND
Minutes of Deliberative Session
January 31, 2015

In accordance with the legally posted warrant Moderator Bobbi Hoerter called the Deliberative Session to order at 1 PM. Officials at the head table were Board of Selectmen Normand DeWolfe, Stephen Felton, Jeanette I. Stewart, Frances Newton, Philip Preston; Legal Counsel Steven Whitley; Finance Office Brenda Paquette; Assistant Moderator Sandra Coleman; Moderator Bobbi Hoerter; Town Clerk Patricia Tucker; Budget Committee Members David Ruell, David Toth, Mardean S. Badger.

Moderator Hoerter led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and went over the moderators rules for the meeting.

Motion to waive the word for word reading of the warrant articles – David Ruell; second – Jeanette Stewart; vote in the affirmative by showing of hands with dissent.

ARTICLE 1- ELECTION OF OFFICERS – *Moderator Hoerter read the slate of officers -*

To choose all of the following officers for the year ensuing:

Board of Selectmen-3 year term-2 positions

Jeanette I. Stewart –Leigh Sharps – Frances Newton

Town Clerk/Tax Collector-3 year term

Patricia Tucker

Town Trustee of the Trust Funds-3 year term

Thomas Peters

Library Trustee-3 year term

Mardean S. Badger

Electric Commissioner-3 year term

David Toth – Sandra Coleman

Water and Sewer Commissioner-3 year term

Budget Committee-3 year term-3 positions

Sherrie Downing

Budget Committee-1 year term

David Ruell

Cemetery Trustee-3 year term

Anthony Hoerter

ARTICLE 2-ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

To see how the Town will vote by official ballot on the proposed amendments as recommended by the Planning Board to the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as follows

Question #1- Are you in favor of amending the wording of “obnoxious use” and “junkyard” in Article 3 and deleting the definition of “junkyard” in Article 10 of the Ashland Zoning Ordinance?

No discussion regarding this article- Moderator declared that the question would appear on the Zoning ballot

ARTICLE 3- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.00

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five year lease / purchase agreement to obtain a new Fire Engine/Pumper which has a total purchase price of Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000) plus interest and to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) for the down payment, which sum shall be funded by withdrawal from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013. The annual lease payments to be paid in future years will be Seventy Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty Two Dollars (\$79,962). This lease/purchase agreement will not have an escape clause and is non-lapsing until December 31, 2020 (60% Majority vote required).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-1

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

Presentation made by Chief Heath and Deputy Chief Joubert; discussion; if passed no tax impact this year but would be in budget for 2016-2020; no amendments made; Moderator declared that the article will appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 4- Estimated Tax impact is \$8.15

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling **\$6,294,256**? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$6,202,044** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

General Operating Budget Town	\$2,595,278
Electric Department	\$3,119,358
Water	\$202,550
Sewer	\$377,070

Discussion – default tax impact \$8.03; no new positions in the default; no amendments made; Moderator declared that the article will appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 5- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.06

To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a four year lease purchase agreement with a total cost of Fifty One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$51,750) for the purpose of purchasing a Transfer Station mini loader for the Public Works Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Eight Dollars (\$12,938) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

Discussion – escape clause means that the payment for each year of the lease will be a warrant article; Motion to change the article to read not to have an escape clause - Abear; this motion was declared to be out of order by Legal Counsel Whitley stating that the Deliberative Session cannot change the wording; no further amendments were proposed; Moderator declared that article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 6- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.12

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Eight Thousand One Hundred Eighty Nine Dollars (\$28,189) for the third year payment of the five year lease / purchase for the PWD Loader as authorized by vote on March 12, 2013.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

Discussion – if not passed we would lose the \$56,000 already spent on this equipment and will have to turn the loader back; no amendments made; Moderator declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 7- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.53

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) to be placed into the Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund established in 2012 for the purpose of repairing Roads.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

Discussion – no amendments made; Moderator declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 8- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.14

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a four year lease purchase agreement with a total cost of Twenty Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Eight Dollars (\$29,478) to obtain a police vehicle for the Police department and to raise and appropriate the sums of Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$7,370) for the first year's payment and Twenty Five Thousand Three hundred Dollars (\$25,300) for outfitting the vehicle (a total appropriation of \$32,670). This lease / purchase agreement will not contain an escape clause. (60% majority vote required).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

Discussion – Chief Randall spoke of the need for the continued rotation of cruisers; no amendments were made; Moderator declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 9- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.09

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be placed into the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing Police department vehicles.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

Discussion in support of this appropriation – Motion to change the word “vehicles” to “equipment” – Lee Nichols – Legal Counsel Whitley stated that this motion was no legal because you cannot change the purpose of the capital reserve fund in this way; Motion to change \$20,000 to \$30,000 – Richard Pare; second – Abear; discussion; vote passed in the affirmative by showing of hands with dissent; tax impact figured to change to \$0.135 – Moderator declared that the article as amended will appear on the ballot

ARTICLE 10- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.21

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added into the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing fire department vehicles.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

Discussion – Moderator declared that article would appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 11- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.17

To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the Department of Public Works Fund for the purpose of vehicle or equipment purchase, replacement or repair and to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the fund and to further appoint the Ashland Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-1

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 6-2

Discussion – Moderator declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 12- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.26

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$60,700) for the purpose of purchasing and installing custom fit windows for the Town Hall.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-1

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-3

Discussion – replacement for better air quality and energy efficiency – no amendments – Moderator declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 13- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.11

To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the Building Maintenance and Repair fund for the purpose of maintaining and repairing all Town Buildings and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the fund and to further appoint the Ashland Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-1

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

Discussion – no amendments – Moderator declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 14-

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish or amend fees pursuant to RSA 41:9-a. This authority shall continue in effect until rescinded. If adopted, the Board of Selectmen, following a public hearing, may establish or amend fees or charges for the issuance of any license or permit which is part of a regulatory program, and/or for the use or occupancy of any public revenue-producing facility.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Explained that the Selectmen need to have the authority to increase certain fees so that the town is not paying out more for cost items than the town gets to cover them. – Moderator declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 15-

To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 261:153, VI to authorize the collection of an additional fee for motor vehicle registrations in the amount of \$5.00, to be deposited in a Capital Reserve Fund established by this vote, to be used for the purpose of municipal transportation improvements, to fund, wholly or in part, improvements in the local or regional transportation system, including roads, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, parking and intermodal facilities and public transportation; and further to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. Registrations for motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles (as defined in RSA 215-A: 1, I-b) and antique motor vehicles (as defined in RSA 259:4) are exempt from this fee. This fee shall be collected starting with motor vehicle registration permits on or after May 1, 2015.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

Discussion – this is a way to increase revenue for road improvement projects – no amendments made; Moderator declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 16-

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Heritage Commission in accordance with the provisions of RSA 673 and RSA 674 and a Heritage Fund in accordance with the provisions of RSA 674:44-a to 44-d and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint five citizens as members of the Heritage Commission pursuant to the provisions of RSA 673:4-a and RSA 673:5; one member of the Heritage Commission shall be a selectman, and up to three additional citizens shall be appointed as alternate members. An advisory entity, a Heritage Commission is for the proper recognition, use, and protection of resources, tangible or intangible, primarily man made, that are valued for their historical, cultural, aesthetic, or community significance within their natural, built or cultural contexts. Powers and duties of a heritage commission include: To advise and assist other local boards and commissions on matters related to historic resources; To work in tandem with the Ashland Historical Society to survey and inventory historic resources; To assist the Planning Board in writing or updating the historic and cultural resources chapter in the Master Plan; To propose and implement other preservation planning; To assist in coordinating and fundraising for cultural events for the Town.

Upon approval of this article the present Ashland Historic Commission, which was established in 1970 for the limited purpose of taking responsibility for the Whipple House, will be terminated and the duties and functions of that Commission will be assumed by the Heritage Commission.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Discussion – no amendments – Moderator declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 17- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.11

Petition Article: We the undersigned registered voters of Ashland, do hereby petition that the following article be placed on the warrant of the 2015 annual Ashland Town Meeting: Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the *Ashland Library Building Fund* for the purpose of purchasing, building and/or renovating a facility (including furnishing and equipment) for the Ashland Town Library, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) towards this purpose, and to further appoint the Ashland Library Trustees as agents to expend from the fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

Library Trustees made presentation supporting this warrant article; Moderator declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 18- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.01

Petitioned Article: We, the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Ashland request you to insert in the warrant for the 2015 Town meeting, the following article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a minimum of \$3,000 to support ongoing services at the Bridge House, which specializes in comprehensive services for veterans.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

No discussion – Moderator declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 19- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.04

Petitioned Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Eight Dollars (\$9,478) for the Pemi-Baker Community Health (a non-profit organization) for the purpose of providing uninsured and underinsured residents of the Town with quality home health care. The sum amounts to Four Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$4.50) per resident based upon recent census data and it represents a small fraction of the cost of providing these services to our residents in their home. (Home care provided by Pemi-Baker Community Health to uninsured and under-insured patients helps the Town limit welfare payments for medical services.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

No discussion – Moderator declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 20- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.00

Petitioned Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for CADY (Communities for Alcohol and Drug-free Youth, a non-profit organization) for the purpose of supporting the only local court diversion program to reduce juvenile delinquency by increasing offender accountability, ensuring restitution to victims and potentially saving the town many thousands of dollars in placement costs at juvenile detention facilities. (During the last six years, CADY has served eight juvenile offenders from Ashland (one in 2014), providing services that have saved the Town considerably more than the sum request in this article.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

No discussion – Moderator declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 21- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.01

Petitioned Article: The following registered voters in the Town of Ashland respectfully request that the below article be placed on the town warrant: The Town of Ashland will raise and appropriate funds totaling \$3,500 to Genesis Behavioral Health for the delivery of Emergency Mental Health Services. These services include access to Master's level clinicians and psychiatrists by individuals, police, fire, schools, hospitals and others 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Services are provided to anyone in need, regardless of their ability to pay.

Genesis Behavioral Health is the community mental health center serving Belknap and Southern Grafton Counties. We served 3,642 children, families, adults and elders in Fiscal Year 2014, 75 of whom were Ashland residents. Genesis Behavioral Health provided Emergency Services to 13 Ashland residents in Fiscal Year 2014. We provided \$6,510.85 in charitable care to Ashland residents and \$514,902.81 in charitable care to the community.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

No discussion – Moderator declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 22 – Estimated Tax impact is \$0.03

Petitioned Article: We registered voters in the Town of Ashland present this petitioned article to be included in the 2015 Town of Ashland Warrant.

Shall the voters raise and appropriated Seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) to Grafton County Senior citizens council, Inc. for services for Ashland residents in 2015. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, outreach support, ServiceLink support and more, in FY 2014, Graft County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 126 Ashland residents, and ServiceLink provided services for 36 residents. The cost of providing these services was \$78,562.40.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

No discussion – Moderator declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 23

Petitioned Article: Are you in favor of decreasing the board of selectmen to 3 members?

Discussion – Motion to add after “members” “to be determined at a later date” – Kathleen DeWolfe; no second- Legal Counsel Whitley declared that this was not a valid amendment; Sue MacLeod challenged the attorney’s opinion that all warrant articles can be amended; Whitley further explained that the language in the article is determined by statute; Moderator declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

Moderator Hoerter allowed David Toth to state that he had intended to run for Water and Sewer Commissioners not Electric Commissioner.

There being no further business to come before this session the Moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 3:39 PM.

Taken by Patricia Tucker, CTCTC

IMPORTANT DATES

January 1	Fiscal Year Begins
January 31	Deliberative Session 1 PM – Ashland School Gym
March 1	Deadline for Tax Abatements
March 10	Official Balloting Day 8AM – 7PM – Ashland School Gym
April 1	All Real Property Assessed to Owner
April 15	Deadline for religious, educational, and charitable organizations to file annual list of all exempt property with assessing officials
April 15	Deadline for Credits/Exemptions for year preceding setting of tax rate
April 15	Last day to file Report of Cut for 2013-2014 year
April 15	Last day to file Current Use Application for 2014 year
April 30	2014 Dog Tags expire
July 1	First Issue 2015 Tax Bill due
December 1	Second Issue 2015 Tax Bill due
December 31	Fiscal Year Ends

MEETING SCHEDULES

Subject to change with notice

Board of Selectmen	First Monday of the Month
Work Session	Third Monday of the Month
Planning Board	First Wednesday of the Month 7PM at Ashland School Library
Work Session	Third Wednesday 6:30PM Town Hall
Zoning Board	Scheduled as Needed – Posted at Town Hall and Post Office
Conservation Commission	Second Wednesday of the Month 6:30PM – Town Office
Housing Standards	Second Wednesday of the Month 4PM – Fire Station
Budget Committee	Second Thursday of the Month – 6PM – Location TBA
Electric Commissioners	Second/Fourth Tuesday – 7PM-Utility Office
Water/Sewer Commissioners	First /Third Tuesday – 7PM –Utility Office